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TELEGRAMS.

PEACE PROSPECTS.

THE ADRIANOPLE QUESTION.

Reuter's
[Service to the "Telegraph."]
London, January 10.

A message from Constantinople says that the Ambassadors held a meeting lasting two hours to consider representations to the Porte on the subject of the cession of Adrianople.

The Porte has forwarded a circular to the Ottoman Ambassadors stating that unless the Balkan Allies have by the end of the week accepted the Turkish proposals for peace, the Ottoman delegates in London would be instructed to return to Constantinople.

Turkey Obdurate.
The opinion is general in Turkish circles that any step by the Powers, even if it were supported by a naval demonstration, with a view to compelling the cession of Adrianople, would be doomed to failure, though the dismantling of the fortifications would be entertained.

An Engagement.
In a slight engagement in the vicinity of Lake Derkos the Turks suffered a repulse at the hands of the Bulgarians, who were attempting to cut the telegraph wires. Thirty wounded have arrived in Constantinople.

A message from Vienna says that Austria is supported by Italy in the demands for the inclusion of Skutari, Janina, and Prizrend in autonomous Albania.

Roumania Impatient.
The "Times" says that according to information from Bukharest, Roumania, as the negotiations are not progressing, decided on an immediate armed occupation of the territory which she claims as the price of her neutrality. The Austrian and Russian Ministers immediately remonstrated, and succeeded in obtaining a postponement of the contemplated action for two days.

In some quarters it is thought that the announcement is designed to bluff Bulgaria into yielding and is an attempt to embroil them.

Roumania and Bulgaria.
Reuter learns that the Hungarian-Bulgarian conversations in London have been resumed. At the conclusion of an interview with M. Mishu (Roumania) and M. Danoff (Bulgaria), the latter telegraphed to Sofia.

A Fresh Note.
A message from Constantinople states that a meeting of the Ambassadors has drafted the text of a Note which will probably be presented to the Porte on Monday. It is understood that the Note is colourless and advises the cession of Adrianople, but there is no question of pressure.

The Deadlock.
Later.
The deadlock in the peace negotiations is maintained.

Reohid Pasha, interviewed by Reuter, emphasised the point that the Ottomans were determined not to abandon Adrianople or the Aegean Islands. He asked why should all the concessions emanate from one side, and stated that if the Balkan delegates had not accepted the Turkish proposals by the week-end, the Turkish delegates would be immediately recalled. He also affirmed that if the Peace Conference was to be reassembled, it was a matter for those who had abruptly suspended it.

Roumania's Position.
With the possibility of a critical situation between Roumania and Bulgaria, the arrival in Constantinople of M. Filipescu, the Roumanian Minister of Agriculture, excites attention.

Any action by Roumania at the present moment would certainly stiffen the attitude of the Porte.

Ambassadors Confer.
The Ambassadors again met at the Foreign Office to-night (Friday) and sat for two hours.

TELEGRAMS.

RETIRED GOVERNORS.

DIRECTORSHIP RESTRICTION

Reuter's
[Service to the "Telegraph."]
London, January 10.

Mr. Harcourt, in reply to Sir J. D. Rees, in the House of Commons, said it was not proposed to lay down an absolute rule that retired Governors and Colonial officials shall not accept directorships of companies carrying on business in the Colonies wherein they have served, but retired Colonial officials will not be allowed to accept such directorships unless they obtain the written consent of the Governor. He added that during the first three years after retirement such permission, as a rule, will be refused, except under the most exceptional circumstances.

FAR EASTERN PEACE.

SIR T. KATO'S VIEWS.

London, January 10.
Sir T. Kato, Japanese Ambassador to London, in a conversation with a Reuter's representative on the eve of his departure for Japan, said he was leaving with Anglo-Japanese relations in the best possible condition. There was every prospect of the continuance of peace and goodwill in the Far East, and how this was primarily due to the Anglo-Japanese Alliance, is well realised. The ententes with France, Russia and the United States were also a powerful guarantee of peace in the Far East. The continuance of the rumours about Mongolia and Manchuria, though they might have some effect on the public, left the official mind untouched, thanks to Japan's excellent relations with the Powers mentioned.

LONDONDERRY.

THE CANDIDATES' BELIEFS.

London, January 10.
Mr. David Hogg, the Nationalist candidate for the Londonderry Parliamentary vacancy, is a Presbyterian, and Lieut. Colonel Pakouham, the Unionist nominee, is a Churchman.

THE SIX POWER GROUP.

A Conference of the Six-Power Groups was held in London on December 13 and 14 attended by the representatives of the British, French, German, American, Russian, and Japanese groups. The object of the Conference was to consider the proposals made by the Chinese Government to the representatives of the groups in Peking for a loan of £25,000,000 to be devoted to reorganization purposes. As the result of these deliberations, the Conference was unanimously of opinion that, subject to modification in detail, the proposals afforded a suitable basis for negotiation and decided to instruct their Peking representatives accordingly. The following institutions and firms will in future form the British Group of the Six Power banking combination:—Hongkong and Shanghai Bank, Baring Brothers and Co. (Limited), J. H. Schroder and Co., London County and Westminster Bank, Parr's Bank (Limited). It is understood that that Crisp group is prepared to forgo the issuing of the second portion of the loan, recently arranged, and to pay in advance, subject to interest charges, the remaining two millions sterling of the five millions floated to enable China to meet the arrears of the Boxer indemnity on January 1. The price for this accommodation is stated to be between one and two hundred thousand pounds.

TELEGRAMS.

UNIONIST LEADERS.

RESIGNATION AVERTED.

Reuter's
[Service to the "Telegraph."]
London, January 10.

The "Morning Post" says that when the movement for the postponement of the food taxes increased, Lord Lansdowne and Mr. Bonar Law intimated to their colleagues their intention of resigning. This would have left the Party leaderless, as the policy enunciated by Lord Lansdowne in London on the 5th of December, and Mr. Bonar Law's speech at Ashton-under-Lyne, was that of the whole Front Bench. Everything had been arranged for a meeting of the Party at which the resignations were to be tendered, hence the hurried preparation of a memorial.

Memorial Presented.

Later.
Mr. Ronald McNeill, M.P., in the House of Commons, privately presented Mr. Bonar Law with the Unionist Memorial, signed by 220 members of the Opposition party. Mr. Bonar Law replied that he would consult with Lord Lansdowne and give an answer as quickly as possible.

DUCHESS OF CONNAUGHT

BETTER NEWS.

London, January 10.
Reuter's correspondent at Montreal says the condition of the Duchess of Connaught is easy, and an operation may be unnecessary.

CHURCH SERVICES.

St. John's Cathedral, Hongkong, 12th January, 1st Sunday after Epiphany. Holy Communion (8.15 a.m.). Matins (11 a.m.). Responses, Festal; Venite. Burrows; Psalms of the 12th morning; To Deum, Lawes, Cooke, Hopkins; Benedictus, Troutbeck; Hymns, 79, 488, and 359. Evening-song 5.45 p.m. (Full Choir). Responses, Festal; Psalms of the 12th evening; Magnificat, and Nunc Dimittis. Stanford in A; Anthem, "Lift up your heads"—Handel. Hymns 286 and 82. Sevenfold Amen. Voluntary. "March a la Handel." Gullman.

Union Church, Kennedy Road. Minister, Rev. C. H. Hickling. 11 a.m. Worship Hymns 541, 245, and 513; Chant, Anthem. Subject, "Social Disturbances." 4 p.m. Service for Children. 6 p.m. Worship. Hymns 287, 249, 243, and 209. Farewell to K.O.Y.L.I. 7 p.m. Communion.

St. Peter's Church, West Point, Sunday, January 12th, 1913. Holy Communion 7.15 a.m. Morning Prayer and Sermon 11 a.m. Preacher, Rev. G. B. Berry. B.A. Evening Prayer and Sermon 8.15 p.m. Gospel Meeting at Seamen's Institute 8 p.m. Garrison Divine Service.—Church of England Victoria Cathedral 11 a.m. Cathedral Chant: Church of England Detention Barrack Detention Barrack 8.30 a.m. Chant. Church of England Stonecutters Barracks, 10.45 a.m. Chant. Church of England Military Hospital Bowen Road 6 p.m. Chant. Church of England Lyemun Barracks, Under Orders. Church of England Kowloon St. Andrew's Church 10 a.m. Offg. Clergyman. Baptist Victoria, Union Church 10 a.m. Offg. Clergyman. Congregationalist Victoria Union Church, 10 a.m. Offg. Clergyman. Presbyterian Victoria, Union Church, 10 a.m. Offg. Clergyman. Wesleyan Victoria Wesleyan Church, 10.15 a.m. Offg. Clergyman. Wesleyan Mount Austin, Mount Austin, 10 a.m. Offg. Clergyman. Roman Catholic Victoria, St. Joseph's Church, 10 a.m. Offg. Clergyman. Roman Catholic Kowloon, Rosary Church, 9 a.m. Offg. Clergyman.

TELEGRAMS.

DISESTABLISHMENT.

A CONCESSION TO WALES.

Reuter's
[Service to the "Telegraph."]
London, January 10.

In the course of the Welsh Disestablishment debate in the House of Commons, Mr. McKenna undertook, after an amendment by Mr. W. G. O. Glynne, the Liberal member for Kilmarnock Burghs, to introduce a scheme providing for the commutation of life interests, resulting in the future income of the Church being £203,000, only £60,000 less than it was at present; which will be a great improvement on the original proposals.

Subsequently a Unionist amendment for the compensation of curates was only defeated by 230 votes to 190.

The result of the division was greeted with cries of "Saved by Redmond!"

PARENTS AND CHILDREN.

Necessity for Greater Mutual Comprehension.

One of the sweetest things in the world—that we all like to stand off and sentimentally admire—says an exchange, is the ingenious, loving, fuss-budget of a mother who "Lovers" her offspring and can't realize that they're grown up and well able to take care of themselves (and of her too, when necessary); who worries over why they don't come home to dinner on time, loses sleep when they stay out late at night.

We've all got a warm place in our hearts for her, and we wouldn't have her changed for worlds—at least not very much changed. But have you ever noticed what a galling, petty tyranny, what a blighting, paralyzing effect such a wilful blindness, such determined ingenuitousness results in when carried to an extreme? Have you ever studied the crushing, varying influence such parents can exercise on their adult sons and daughters? How they make cowards of them—or hypocrites? How they slowly but surely kill their individuality, rob them of their initiative, and bar their way to happiness, adventure, desired experience, stifle their natural impulses (which might help them to be themselves), and cause them to miss their own destiny?

Then and Now.

Strong-willed fathers, who take pride in telling how they ran away from home in their teens and made their own way, achieved single-handed their notable success, will get purple with rage and almost froth at the mouth, when a hitherto complaisant and affectionately respectful son signifies a preference for some other calling or mode of life, or wife, than his stiff-necked dad has decided upon for him—without ever thinking of consulting him.

They'll threaten to cut off such a rebel with a lead nickel, and humiliate him with a detailed recital of everything they've done for the ingrate from the minute he was born; and when the independent wretch (being a chip of the old block) says he'll go his way even without his patrimony of the lead nickel, they'll almost have apoplexy, and they'll feel so hurt that they'll decline to hear his name mentioned; and will secretly hope he makes a failure of his own way of life, just for the sake of saying:

"I told you so!"

Mothers there are—doting but managing mothers—who having married the man of their choice without reference to any one's wishes or advice, refuse to admit to themselves of any one else that daughter might like to do the same.

TELEGRAMS.

HOME RULE.

UNIONIST APATHY.

Reuter's
[Service to the "Telegraph."]
London, January 10.

As a result of the Unionist crisis, the final stages of the Home Rule Bill debate were of the quietest description.

On one occasion yesterday a count was called, as there were fewer than 40 members present. Mr. Bonar Law was for a long time the sole occupant of the Opposition Front Bench.

The Liberals 'twitted' the Opposition on their apathy in regard to Home Rule.

PRINCE YAMAGATA.

The Mysterious Report of Attempt on His Life.

The extraordinary report that early on the morning of December 24 a man made an attempt on the life of Marshal Prince Yamagata at his residence at Majiro remains to be confirmed, says the "Japan Chronicle."

An officer of the Tokyo Gendarmerie Headquarters, who arrested the man in question, in an interview with a Tokyo Press representative, is reported to have stated that a gendarme on duty in the grounds of Prince Yamagata's mansion discovered a man of about twenty-one years of age who was lying, apparently in great agony, just in front of the entrance of the mansion. It was about 2.20 a.m. on Tuesday. On being taken to the Gendarmerie Headquarters the man gave his name as Saburobei Nakamura, aged twenty-two years, and a native of Gifu Prefecture, but refrained from telling his motives for having penetrated into the enclosure of the mansion. On his person a dagger nine inches a half in length, was found. It appears the man at first took morphine to commit suicide, and his intention was, if he failed in this attempt, to use the dagger to put an end to his life. Pending the conclusion of the trial of the man, it is still premature to conclude that he had really intended to assassinate Prince Yamagata. The officer quoted added that the man appears to have stealthily entered his Excellency's grounds from the rear of his mansion, which borders a rice-field.

The Tokyo "Asahi" says that on the man were found three documents; one addressed to Prince Yamagata, the other to his parents in Gifu Prefecture and a third to the public. The contents of these documents are still kept secret by the Gendarmerie authorities. The paper however, learns that the document addressed to Prince Yamagata sets forth that the man Nakamura had planned to assassinate Prince Yamagata on the grounds that his actions were always against the principles of the constitution and that owing to the strict guard maintained at the Chuzan-so (as Prince Yamagata's residence is called) he had abandoned his attempt. However, he made up his mind to commit suicide in the grounds of his Excellency's mansion by taking poison, in order that his death might serve as notice to the Prince to follow his example.

The paper adds that the man was to be handed over to the Tokyo Chihō Saiban shō authorities for trial.

The man has been staying at a Mr. Makino's at No. 2, Minami Jimbo-cho, Kand, Tokyo, for the purpose of entering the Nippon Dental School in the capital. It should be added that he attended the recent united meeting of the political parties held last week at the Kabuki Theatre and that he appeared, according to Mr. Makino, to have been greatly excited after returning to his home from the meeting.

TELEGRAMS.

COLLISION IN MERSEY.

FISHING SMACK SUNK.

Reuter's
[Service to the "Telegraph."]
London, January 10.

The Booth liner Ambrose collided with and sank the fishing smack Hopper in the Mersey, and ten persons perished as a result of the mishap.

SHIPPING PROSPECTS.

Outlook Good and Record year Expected.

Shipowners and charterers have to reconcile themselves to the fact, so observes the Evening Standard, that the boom which has proved so profitable to the shipping industry for several weeks has reached its height and an ebb is taking place towards the level of freight rates consonant with normal conditions.

In view of the falling market, it has been stated that a slump has taken place and the description "acute depression" has been applied to the state of the market. But this is quite beyond the facts. The shipping trade is still enjoying a period of great prosperity, and freights are still high enough to pay a handsome dividend on capital. Moreover the outlook for the future is distinctly good.

Several causes have contributed to the present reaction from the height of the boom. The Balkan war drove Black Sea freights up with a rush until they reached twenty-five as compared with from five to five shillings and threepence in the earlier part of the year.

Greek Shipping Released.

The outbreak of war gave a fillip to the shipping and chartering business by locking up a large number of Greek steamers in Black Sea ports. These vessels have now been able to get through the Dardanelles, and in consequence are free to compete with British and other Continental shipping in other avenues of trade. This has naturally relieved the market, and Black Sea quotations are down by half a sovereign.

The release of tonnage, combined with the easing of Near Eastern rates, has resulted in a falling market in River Plate and other rates. But things are very profitable still for the shipowner. He is getting shillings and shillings per ton more than he was able to command at this period of last year; he recognises that the boom was quite adventitious, and laid his plans accordingly.

The fall in River Plate freights is slight. Twenty-five shillings was touched at the top of the boom. To-day cargoes are being booked at 19s. 6d. per ton out and 22s. home. The Argentine market is very optimistic, and it looks as if shipowners are embarking upon a very prosperous year.

River Plate Boom.

The maize crop is so heavy as to amount to a glut, and it is expected that something like a million tons of this grain will be left over when the new crop comes along. Argentine shippers are holding out for higher prices than buyers will offer, with the result that a good many cargoes are being shipped home unsold.

Other cereal crops are heavy, but it is a little early to count upon them, as a devastating frost has been experienced before now. But, in any case, there is any amount of freight for shipment both out and home. The construction of so many important harbour, railway, and similar works provides heavy outward cargoes, and the crops will maintain a good homeward flow.

TELEGRAMS.

LABOUR TROUBLES.

BRADFORD DYERS' STRIKE.

Reuter's
[Service to the "Telegraph."]
London, January 10.

No fewer than 6,000 dyers at Bradford struck yesterday. The employers are willing to increase their wages if the men agree to piecework. This the men decline. A settlement has been arrived at in the Lancashire dyers' dispute.

[On the 3rd instant the following telegram was received:—Eight thousand Bradford dyers have tendered notices of their resignation, owing to a wages dispute. A ballot is being taken in Yorkshire and it is expected that 50,000 will be involved in a fortnight if a strike is decided upon. This would bring the textile trade of the North to a standstill.]

COTTON GROWING.

BRITISH GRANT RENEWED.

London, January 10.
The Government has renewed for three years the grant of £10,000 per annum to the British Cotton Growing Association.

NEWS FOR BUSY MEN.

TELEGRAMS.

THE NEWS CONDENSED.

The condition of the Duchess of Connaught is easy, and an operation may be unnecessary.

Six thousand Bradford dyers have struck work, but a settlement has been effected with the Lancashire dyers.

The Government has renewed for three years the grant of £10,000 annually to the British Cotton Growing Association.

Roumania threatens to make an armed occupation of the territories which she claims as the price of her neutrality in the war.

It is stated that Mr. Bonar Law and Lord Lansdowne threatened to resign recently; hence the hurried preparation of the memorial.

Unless the Turkish proposals are accepted during the week-end the Porte threatens to recall the London delegates to Constantinople.

Mr. Harcourt has made an important pronouncement regarding the acceptance of directorships of companies by retired Governors and Colonial officials.

An amendment to the Welsh Disestablishment Bill has been accepted by which the future income of the Church is only £80,000 less than at present.

LOCAL.

The members of the Institution of Engineers and Shipbuilders give a ball to-night at the City Hall.

The Peak buglar has made two attempts to escape from different cells since he was last sentenced.

"Mrs. Warren's Profession" was staged by the Allan Wilkie Company last night, and "The Shadow for Scandal" will be given to-night.

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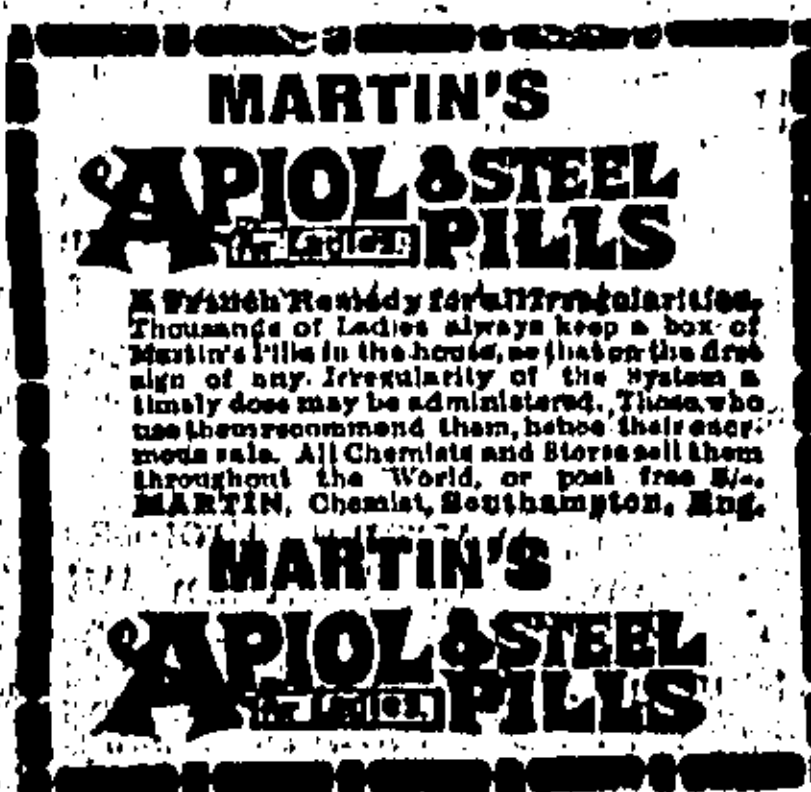
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1.45 p.m. to 2.15 p.m.	" 10 min.
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1.00 p.m. to 5.00 p.m.	" 15 min.
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The Great Illusion.

The faith that can cling to the
possibility of a Utopia in which
the stronger will never take
physical advantage of the weaker
is admirable but visionary. But
M. Hervé does not fail to recog-
nize the obstacles which stand
in the way of the realization of this
ideal, for he writes that what he
and his fellow-thinkers desire is
"peace, peace, peace at any
price—even the price of a
social war—the only war in
which, if you go to the root of
the matter, the poor have
anything to gain." The in-
nate pugnacity and ignorance
of the human animal continue
to be the principal standby of the
ruling classes; were this not so,
national conscription could not
continue for a day. Thus the
people themselves gratuitously
put into the hands of their task-
masters the weapon which is
wielded with such effect when-
ever labour rises to demand its
rights. It has been said that if
the horse knew its own strength
man could never subdue him. An-
alogously, if men but knew their
own strength and advantage,
militarism would die a natural
death, but it is to be feared that
until human nature becomes
something very different from
what it is now, both nations and
individuals will continue to fight.

Daily Press.

Barbarous Punishment.

In the province of Anhui also the
Military Governor, whose head-
quarters are at Nanking, has
established a number of anti-
opium bureaux and furnished the
officials with a set of regulations
which ordain, inter alia, that
persons who cultivate more than
twenty poppies shall be shot and
their land confiscated; while
persons engaged in the convey-
ance of opium are to be banished,
and the opium burned. The "In-
ternational Reform Bureau,"
which, we understand, is an
organisation directed by an
American missionary and as-
sisted by other missionaries,
gives wide publicity to these acts
of official lawlessness with no
word of disapproval, but
rather with every sign of tacit
approbation, on the principle
presumably that "the end justifies
the means." So long as the
Tutuls and Military Governors
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ride the laws enacted by the
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extent of committing such acts of
barbarism as those described
above, can it be wondered that
there is hesitation on the part of
the Powers to accord to the
Chinese Government formal re-
cognition?

China Mail.

The Beginning of the End.

Hongkong is a British Colony,
not Chinese territory; and the
Chinese that are here conduct
business and receive the protec-
tion of the British authorities
while doing so. They will find
it to their advantage, on any
occasion that the choice may
unfortunately have to be made,
to support the action of the
Government. The Govern-
ment do not wish to adopt
drastic measures, such as Boy-
cott Ordinances, to enforce a
seriously matured policy, but
they will certainly not be
thwarted from any course
of action they may deem it neces-
sary to promulgate for the good
of the Colony as a whole. As a
matter of fact, this question of
subsidiary coinage ought to have
been enforced years ago; and, if
it had been, the probability is
that there would have been no
trouble whatever, for it is un-
questionable that at least a section
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GENERAL NEWS.

Javanese Coolies for Pahang.
The Pahang Para Rubber Syndicate Limited (F.M.S.) has been granted permission by the Dutch Government to recruit (at most) 250 Javanese coolies for service on the Aibura Estate.

The Unhealthiest place in the World.

Dr. von Gorkom, of Batavia, recently read a paper before a large and interested audience, in which he alluded to Batavia as the most unhealthy place in the world. He put forward many proofs in support of his contention, including the great death-rate amongst the natives, especially by small-pox. The speaker insisted upon measures being taken for systematic inoculation. He showed by examples the favourable results of sanitary work under the most unfavourable conditions in the tropics. He concluded by urging that such work should be actively continued in Batavia.

M. Kouzminsky.
Bangkok is looking forward to a display of aviation. Mr. W. Hahn, representative of M. Kouzminsky, the aviator having arrived to make arrangements for exhibitions there. M. Kouzminsky, who flies a Blériot machine with a Gnome engine, has recently been engaged in a successful tour through China. He flew over the Forbidden City at Peking and appeared with great success at Hongkong and Macao, and many other places. He generally rises to a height of 1,000 metres or more, and is an experienced airman, having been engaged in the profession during the last two and a half years. He is said to be a nephew of the late Count Tolstoy. "Straits Times."

Arabia Ready for Holy War.
The following appears in the Arabic newspaper "Arriadi" of Central Arabia:—News to hand states that Emir Ibn Rachid is at the head of more than 20,000 men of his tribe. All are fully armed and equipped. He is busy near Libia waiting for the orders of his sovereign to declare a Holy War, in order to be the first to attack the enemies of Islam. He is said to wish to set an example to all Arab tribes, and incite some of them to punish those who are unfaithful to Government, and to reduced to discipline all those sowing disorder in the country. As a result several Arab tribes have risen and unlooked for happenings are anticipated in Arabia.

The Late Sir M. Davies.
An echo of the great Australian financial crisis comes from Melbourne in a cable report of the death of Sir Matthew Davies, once Speaker of the Victorian Parliament. In the eighties Sir Matthew was the chief among the Melbourne "land-boomers," and besides making a huge fortune—on paper—by his personal dealings in land, was the head of a firm of solicitors which represented most of the big speculative companies. When the crash came, Sir Matthew had a long way to fall, and his arrest on a warrant at Colombo, when on his way to Great Britain, is a matter of Australian history. He escaped a term of imprisonment by the very narrowest margin, and retired into a very discreet privacy which he maintained for the twenty years that preceded his death.

Singapore's Wet Season.
It is a long time since Singapore has experienced such a wet year end as the present, says the "Straits Times" of January 3, although more rain is to be expected at this time of the year. Apparently from all reports from the East Coast, where the monsoon is still going strong, as well as from southern parts of the Peninsula, they are having the same experience. One noticeable feature of the present wet season is the comparative freedom of many streets from flooding, which is due no doubt to the policy of drain consolidation which has been going steadily for some considerable time and is having a good effect both in regard to carrying off the water from compounds and in preventing damage to the roads. This is particularly noticeable in Orchard Road, which formerly used to get flooded after heavy rain. No less than 54 inches of rain fell between 3 p.m. a day and 9 a.m. the next.

ELIXIR OF LIFE.

Some new Wonders in Thyroid Gland

"Englishmen need not waste any more anxiety over the hullabaloo about the physical degeneracy of the race, for we will all be giants in a few generations, and none of us will ever grow old, if the latest scientific discovery fulfils its dazzling promise," said a distinguished London surgeon to a "Daily Chronicle" representative quite recently.

"This sounds like a rather tall order, but there are greater possibilities of truth in it than appear on the surface. It is based on the polyglandular extract discovered by Dr. Frank R. Sharkey, of Philadelphia, U.S.A., after many years' of research and experimenting, but only recently announced to the medical world. For a decade or more Dr. Sharkey has been indefatigable in his quest for a formula which would act as an aid to nature in her work of building and rebuilding the ever changing cells of the human body. He finally got his clue from the experiment of Dr. George Alexander Gibson, an English physician, who succeeded in adding eight inches to the stature of a boy of eighteen years by a comparatively simple treatment of thyroid extract. Working along these lines ultimately resulted in an elixir made from the extract of the thyroid gland, which has opened up an entirely new field in organotherapy.

Hypodermic Injection.
This polyglandular extract is not taken into the stomach, but is administered hypodermically, or by intra-muscular injection, this latter method giving more rapid results. By intravenous injection the remedial agent is introduced directly into the circulating blood, and the action becomes almost instantaneous. The human body is composed of a vast army of cells, numbering many billions, each one having a specific function of its own, yet depending for very life itself upon certain vital organs and ductless glands which are continually manufacturing a physical reagent necessary to the existence of life.

"This process known as metabolism is directly controlled by these glands, which may be said to correspond to the officers of an army. The pituitary gland, located in a depression at the base of the skull, is the general, while the thyroid gland in the throat, just below the jaw, is the officer next in rank. So long as all these officers are in good health, just so long does the army of cells do its work properly. But let one of them become diseased or impaired in its usefulness, and the whole army is disastrously affected.

There is just one thing to be done—restore the commanders to health as quickly as may be. In other words, any disturbance of these glands lowers the vitality, impairs resistance, and lays the system open to the invasion of disease.

"The physiological secretion of the thyroid stimulates mental, muscular, and cellular activity, and this marked influence over tissue interchange explains why thyroid extract is useful in many diseases, especially those due to toxic substances in the blood. Simple thyroid preparations, however, are not always desirable in the treatment of disease because of their tendency to bring on untoward effects. For this reason, I am informed, Dr. Sharkey has in his elixir combined the thyroid extract with that of certain other glands to harmonise their physiological action.

Remarkable Experiments.
Four years ago he began a series of experiments with fifty volunteer subjects, ranging in age from twenty-five years, all in good health and all above the average in education and intelligence. After a week on a weighed diet each subject was given a daily intramuscular injection of fifteen minims of polyglandular solution, and the same treatment was continued for a fortnight. The results were increased appetite, mental and muscular efficiency. The average increase in weight was eight pounds during the two weeks. This experimental medication clearly shows that the vital processes are controlled by the organic products administered. The same experiment on himself has not only given Dr. Sharkey renewed strength and vigour, but has caused ten years to drop from his shoulders.

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"By treating people in their adolescence and distributing the proportion among their glands, it should be possible to produce a race of giants, of dwarfs, or of goggle-eyed idiots. Indeed, autopsies have shown that many giants present a remarkable overgrowth of the pituitary gland. Why some people should possess many billions of cells more than other people has long been a mystery. Starting from a single cell, less than 1-125 of an inch in diameter, the growth goes on, multiplying by division. When the division ceases the growth stops, but in many cases it may be stimulated by administration of thyroid. It is a known fact that the intersection of the thyroid and pituitary glands is responsible for the stimulus to growth, controlling the extent to which it proceeds.

NEW PRINTING PROCESS.

Sydney Man's Interesting Invention.

An interesting display of colour-prints, produced by a new photo-chrome process, the invention of Mr. H. Stephan, of Sydney, forms perhaps the most interesting part of the exhibition which is now being held of oil and other paintings, the work of Mr. P. W. Maroney, at 327 George-street, Sydney.

Mr. Stephan claims to have improved upon anything previously known in the printing world, and the samples he has on view suggest great commercial and artistic possibilities. By a photographic process, Mr. Stephan is able to faithfully reproduce, with the assistance of the printing machine, anything that can be held in front of the

camera long enough for three exposures, two of them occupying from seven to ten minutes, to be made; and the manner of this reproduction is claimed to be so simple and yet so absolutely true to every point of detail that the finished print can be placed on the market at a cost several times below that by which any similar colour-print can be produced under any system at present.

Mr. Stephan has obtained world patents for his invention, a fact which in itself is of considerable significance, for in Germany, where the rest of the world may learn much in the matter of high-grade printing, such a patent would have to show substantial novelty before receiving protective rights. On the face of it, Mr. Stephan has evolved a process far in advance of anything hitherto accomplished, and the exhibits he has on view in George street, which only touch the fringe of what such an invention, when commercially applied, is capable, are of very great interest on this account.

He has copied in perfect detail and colour a bank-note originally issued as impossible of imitation; he has delightful prints of Japanese art; he has copies of plumaged bird pictures, and copies of other art colourings, all of which tend to corroborate the case he makes out for the almost absolute infallibility of the process which he has perfected, and is now placing upon the market.

M.P.'s. As Actors.

A play by Lady Lever, entitled "The Insurance Act," was produced at the North Camberwell Radical Club on Boxing Night. The first act deals with the present view of the Act among the working classes; the second seeks to set forth their view a year hence.

An interesting feature of the performance is the fact that two of the parts were played by members of Parliament and two by daughters of members. The cast includes Miss de Burgh, Miss G. Wiles, and Miss Elsie Macnamara, B.A., and Mr. Macpherson, M.P., and Mr. A. Richardson, M.P.

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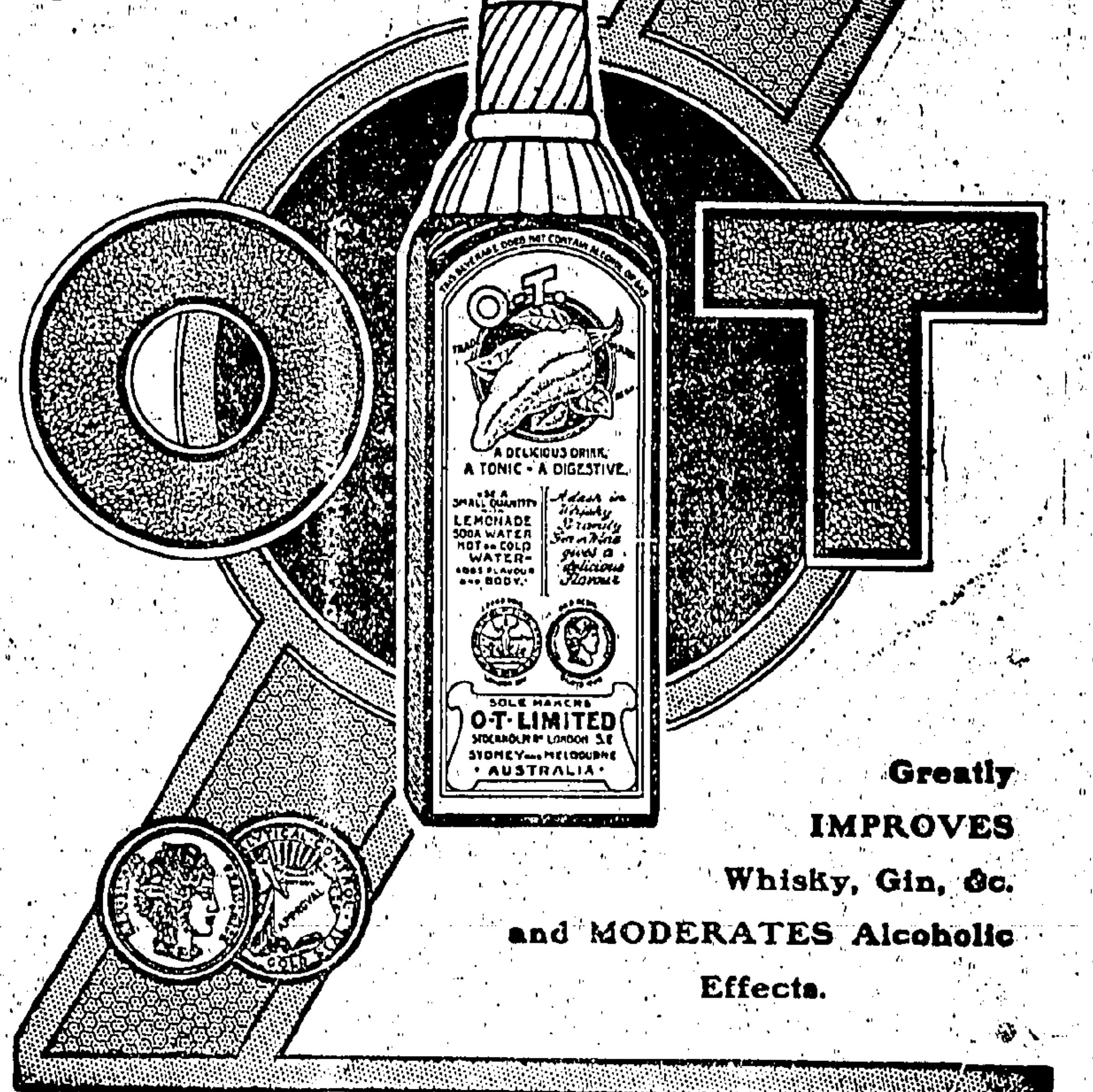
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SUMMARY COURT CONGESTION.

Whether the Full Court, now sitting for the first time, is to be entirely successful for the future to decide; perhaps, also, for members of the legal profession rather than laymen to say. But at least it is possible for the outsider, with no expert knowledge of law, to observe that the work of the New Court is having a considerable effect upon the work of the ordinary courts. This may have been anticipated, of course, but we take leave to doubt whether the extent to which it has retarded the work of the other courts was quite foreseen. At the end of last week Mr. Justice Gompertz, sitting in the Summary Court, was forced to adjourn quite a big lot of cases for a fortnight, because he had no chance of getting near them. Nor does it seem likely that he will be able to take more than a portion of them even in a fortnight.

There are, at present, over fifty cases on the Summary Court list, waiting to be heard. Assuming that the Full Court sits for another three weeks, and that the number of cases added to the list during each of these three weeks is fifteen (and these are both quite reasonable assumptions) there will be between ninety and one hundred cases awaiting the attention of the Puisne Judge when he is freed. The total, indeed, may amount to much more, for last year the Puisne Judge dealt with, or had mentioned before him, something just over 2,000 cases—or forty a week. It does not follow that all the cases on the list must be heard, but, at any rate, all of them must be mentioned; and the point is that delay of this description may inflict a serious hardship on plaintiffs and, at best, is clearly unfair to them. It may and most probably will, take the Puisne Judge, five or six weeks from now before the arrears are cleared off, so that some plaintiffs are doubtless being rather hardly dealt with. Delay in Original Jurisdiction is also being occasioned, though here it matters less perhaps, to either plaintiff or defendant, than in the Summary Court.

It seems to an outsider that it may yet be found necessary to make some slight amendment to the ordinance which was passed in May last to reconstitute the Full Court. There are two possible ways of removing the pressure of work. The first is to make the Court of appeal consist of only two judges—the judge whose decision is appealed against being excluded. The drawback of that arrangement is that the presence of the judge who has already heard the case is very useful. A better plan would be to take a hint from the Ordinance itself. In the event of the services of the judge of His Britannic Majesty's Supreme Court of China not being obtainable, it makes provision for the temporary appointment of someone in the Colony, who, although not a permanent judge, is qualified for judicial appointment. The person appointed may either be a barrister in the service of the Crown or a member of the local bar, as circumstances may dictate. Why not make the same provision operative, even though the services of the third judge are obtainable, when the pressure of business in the lower Courts demands the immediate attention of a judge? That seems a commonsense way out of a difficulty.

The End of the World.

We read in one of the exchanges that an American religious weekly has settled upon the date on which the world is to come to an end. The year fixed is 1915. It is a pity that the prophets cannot keep more in accord with one another over a subject which is of no little importance. We seem to remember that, during the last twenty years or so, at least a score of different dates have been appointed for the final dissolution of this quaint old planet of ours. Mary Britishers in the Colony will recollect that, in '92, the notorious Mr. Baxter decided upon the year 1900 for the end of all things. Then rose up "Dr." Dowd and others like-minded, all of whom had exclusive information on the point; their precise tip being, if we remember aright, for 1910.

The Prophets.

Of these many prophets, some are, on the face of it, vulgar cheats who are out for axe-grinding; but probably the greater number are harmless souls who have lived too long in the clouds of cheap mysticism and have, incidentally, dwelt too much on the Book of Daniel. At a rough guess we should have said that this particular book was by far the most difficult of the Scriptures to interpret. It is a book which may be read and re-read with infinite pleasure, but it is difficult to see what bearing (other than a general moral one) it can have on the events of the 20th Century. We are not enamoured of the idea that any individual person should lay himself out to say when the end of the world is to come; but if we must listen to prophets, we would rather give ear to the scientific ones, who have allowed the world at least another five thousand years before it barges into another planet, freezes, or is consumed by fire. Their idea at least gives us longer time in which to set our affairs in order.

The Globe-trotting Habit.

"Globe-trotting" seems to be rapidly gaining in favour. During the past four months twenty-five parties have passed through Hongkong on their way round the World. We have observed that they have this in common, that they are all in a hurry. Shortness of purse accounts for this in some cases, and shortness of time explains others, but, as one traveller said, it is a pity that the possibilities of Jules Verne's "Round the World in Eighty Days" have been cut almost in half by the rapid methods of modern travel. Of course the Americans head the list for their knack of getting about and seeing things worth while in the minimum of time, and the seasoned traveller of that country can usually tell natives of any land more about their government and their social and business conditions, than they know themselves! *Verbi, sap!* When it is considered that a lifetime is necessary to study and to appreciate the beauty and the historical objects of art in Rome, it is not to be wondered at that the average "globe trotter" has done little more than spend money in crossing oceans and covering thousands of miles of railways, reaching home with but a kaleidoscopic memory of the things that he has seen, and a regret for the things that he has missed.

Colonial Officials and Directorships.

Government Officials in Hongkong and in all other British possessions, will read with interest Mr. Harcourt's remarks in the House yesterday on the subject of retired Governors' etc. holding directorships of Companies that carry on business in the Colonies wherein they have served. Apparently such officials will have little difficulty in getting permission to serve as directors of such companies after they have been on the retired list for three years! But why the three years? What is this reservation meant to imply? Mr. Harcourt must surely have grave reasons for making it, for, to all appearances, a newly retired Colonial Official would be far more useful on a Board than one who had severed connection with the colony in which his Company was doing business, three years earlier. The Straits immediately suggests itself as an example. What is the mystery attaching to the three years? The reason, though not apparent to the outsider, must nevertheless be a good one.

DAY BY DAY.

Life is just one damn thing after another.

Land Sale.

Crown land 3.50 acres in extent, situate at Lung-Yuk Tau, is to be sold at Taipo on the 17th inst. The upset price is \$1,525.

Exempted.

The Hongkong Islamic Union has been exempted by the Governor-in-Council from registration under the Societies Ordinance, 1911.

Obstruction.

For causing an obstruction on Queen's Road West, a man was fined \$5 or fourteen days by Mr. Hazeland, at the Police Court, this morning.

Y.M.C.A. Conference.

A conference will be held this evening at the Y.M.C.A. in connection with the work of the association. This will be preceded by a dinner.

Rates Due.

Owners and occupiers of tenements are reminded by the Government Gazette that rates for the first quarter of 1913 are payable in advance on or before the 31st January, 1913.

Land Surveyors' Office.

Tenders will be received at the Colonial Secretary's Office until noon of Monday, the 20th January, for erecting a temporary office for Land Surveyors.

Struck Off.

It is notified in the Government Gazette that the name of Danning and Company, Limited, registered on the 19th day of July, 1912, has been struck off the Register.

Boy Charged.

A boy from the "Empress of India" was remanded by Mr. C. D. Melbourne, at the Police Court, this morning in connection with a charge referring to nine tins of opium.

Rice Possession.

At the Police Court, this morning, a man was fined \$10, or in default one month, by Mr. Hazeland, for being in unlawful possession of a quantity of rice at West Point.

Dynamite Accident.

Two Americans have been removed to the hospital suffering from injuries said to have been caused whilst doing something with dynamite, in a house in Sutter Street Tai-kok-tsui.

Old Law Court Letting.

It is notified that tenders will be received at the Colonial Secretary's Office until noon of 24th January, for the lease of certain rooms on the ground floor and in the basement of the Old Supreme Court Building.

Kailan Mining Administration.

The total output of the Kailan Mining Administration's mines for the week ending 28th December, last amounted to 39,546.73 tons and the Sales during the period, to 33,809.77 tons.

V.R.C. Rowing.

This afternoon a scratch rowing race is to be rowed between members of the V.R.C. The course lies between the Sugar Refinery at Causeway Bay, and the Club house, and the race is timed for 4.30 o'clock.

Missionary's Death.

The death occurred yesterday at the London Mission of Isabella Alexander, of Yaumati, at the age of seventy years. The funeral will take place this afternoon at the Happy Valley, the cortege passing the Monument at 4.30 o'clock.

Electric Lighting.

We learn that the repairs and additions now being made to the Hongkong Electric Co's system will probably be completed in about three weeks' time. The great increase in building and the continuous addition to the number of houses and business premises using the electric light during the past year has necessitated the new cables and a thorough overhauling of the system generally.

Cases Dismissed.

This morning at the Marine Court, before Commander Basil Taylor, R.N., the master of the s.s. Hoi Kong was charged with unlawfully carrying 29 passengers in excess of the number allowed by his license outside the local trade limits, in the waters of the Colony on January 8. A similar charge in respect of 31 passengers was brought against the master of the s.s. Willing. Both cases were dismissed.

HONGKONG THIRTY YEARS AGO.

(Compiled from the "Hongkong Telegraph" files for the Week Ending January 11, 1883.)

Freemasonry.

In the issue of January 6th, is given a list of the officers of the Eothen Mark Lodge of Hongkong, No. 264, for that year. The names are as follow:—W. M., L. Mallory; S. W., W. Kerfoot Hughes; J. W., T. J. Rose; Master Overseer, E. Georg; Senior, Paul Jordan; Junior, L. C. Balfour; Treasurer, H. N. Mody; Secretary, W. W. Gaskell; Registrar of Marks, B. B. Dalton; S. W., S. Deacon; G. W. Balliston; J. Deacon, S. W. Wright; Director of Ceremonies, A. S. Cohen; Steward, W. Boffey; Tyler, J. R. Grimble.

On January 8th Bro. S. Comben was installed W. M. of the United Service Lodge, and the following officers were invested:—S. W., G. Orley; J. W., J. Robertson; S. D., J. J. Gleeson; Treas., W. Goulbourn; Sec., H. L. Stringer; I. G., B. Currie; D. C., F. Blanchard; Steward, E. Rose; Tyler, J. R. Grimble.

Fatal Fire.

On January 5th a rather serious fire broke out in Queen's Road West, resulting in several Chinese losing their lives. At that time Queen's Road was on the sea front, or rather the sea wall came up to what is now Queen's Road, and consequently the harbour fire float was able to lend its aid in suppressing the outbreak. The following paragraph is worthy of reproduction:—"Mr. Wei Yuk's private fire engine and brigade were amongst the first to arrive on the spot, and are certainly entitled to the highest praise for their efforts, as they took the most important part in quelling the fiery element." The account of the conflagration ends up as follows:—"We again repeat the warning we gave only two weeks ago. The China New Year is fast approaching—look out for fires."

The Water Supply.

Apologies of the water supply question—always to the fore in Hongkong—the following extract from the leading article of January 8th will be read with interest:—"The Tytan Waterworks will be for all time a monument of Mr. J. M. Price's indomitable energy, and will only cost the Colony a trifle over a million dollars. Fortunes will no doubt be made and lost in this great work; we shall obtain the most elaborate water system on the face of the globe; and years hence—say ten thousand years, when Victoria has eclipsed the Modern Babylon—our descendants will begin to enjoy the fruits of our hoarded treasures, and the results of our Surveyor General's patriotism and unselfish enterprise."

St. Joseph's College.

On January 6th, 1883, the inauguration of St. Joseph's College took place, the foundation stones having been laid in November 1882 by the then Governor, Sir John Pope Hennessy. The inauguration ceremony was largely attended, and the proceedings were formally opened by the Roman Catholic Bishop of Acantho (Rev. Father Raimondi), who made reference to the liberality of the British Government in encouraging education without interfering with individual religious aspirations. His Excellency the Administrator (Hon. Mr. Marsh) declared the building open, saying it was the Government's duty to encourage by every means in its power education amongst all classes and creeds.

Italian Opera.

During the week subscription performances were given in the Theatre Royal by "The Royal Italian Opera Company," of Verdi's "Emani" and Donizetti's "Lucrezia Borgia."

The Dollar.

The rate of the dollar, on demand, on January 11th, 1883, was 3/7.

Food and Drugs.

During last year the following samples were examined under the Sale of Food and Drugs Ordinance in Hongkong:—Beer, 6; brandy, 4; coffee, 5; gin, 2; milk, 18; port, 2; rum, 2. All were genuine save three of coffee and one of rum.

THE PEAK BURGLAR.

Punished for Attempting to Escape.

The Peak Burglar is still up to his old tricks. He has made two attempts to escape from two different cells since he was last incarcerated.

His punishment, in the first instance, was merely a dietary one, but the second attempt brought more severe punishment. He received, on that occasion, twelve strokes of the cat, in addition to the usual punishment diet. This, for the time being, is stated to have damped his ardour somewhat.

THE BOYCOTT.

A Hopeful Outlook.

As we reported last night, an increase in the number of persons using the cars was distinctly visible yesterday. Mr. Stodart Kennedy informs us that there was "just an appreciable difference" in the takings. We also learn from him that another 5,000 tricketts have been sold. Both the Tramways Company and the Registrar-General express themselves as hopeful that tomorrow may see the end of the trouble.

Meanwhile leading Chinese are still very active in their efforts after peace. It is believed that a large number of people will use the cars to-morrow. A meeting is to take place to-night at the Chinese Y. M. C. A. for the purpose of making arrangements as to the use of the Association's hand on the cars to-morrow.

There will also be a meeting to-night at the Chinese Commercial Union, and another to-morrow morning at the Tung Wah Hospital, when some prominent Chinese business men will make further efforts to bring about a satisfactory state of matters.

An enlarged copy of the bill of rewards offered for information leading to the conviction of boycott offenders, which was published on Thursday, has now been posted outside the Registrar General's Office.

THE OPIUM QUESTION.

An Unpleasant Rumour.

The outlook in the opium deadlock still continues very grave, the only drop of comfort left to the merchants being the fact that at least their stock is not growing bigger, as would have been the case had the supplies from India continued. In Canton the newspapers have published the new Penal Code concerning opium; Canton dealers are being warned against the transportation of the drug inland, and the Code is being rigidly enforced, not only against smokers but against all persons found in possession of opium.

We are informed by Hongkong merchants that their Canton agents have wired to them, asking them to stop sending any more supplies from here till further notice is received. The story (which awaits final confirmation) is that a quantity of certified opium which was on its way into the country from Canton has been seized by the Republican Officials. With Canton barred against the importation of the drug, the various sacrifices made by the Indian Government—the withdrawing of the Bombay sale on the 8th inst. etc.—would appear to have been made in vain.

NOTES AND SPECIE.

The returns of the average amount of bank notes in circulation and of specie in reserve in Hongkong, during the month ended 31st December, 1912, as certified by the Managers of the respective Banks, are:—Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China.—Notes, \$5,329,419; specie, \$4,000,000. Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation.—Notes, \$19,784,469; specie, \$18,000,000. Mercantile Bank of India, Limited.—Notes, \$496,323; specie, \$80,000. Total.—Notes, \$25,610,211; specie, \$20,080,000. In addition, the Mercantile Bank has securities with Crown Agents totalling \$58,000 and \$200,000.

"MRS. WARREN'S PROFESSION."

Mr. Shaw's Banned Play Staged Last Night.

There was a much larger house present, at the Theatre Royal last night, than had been the case on any previous evening. The censor had said that the public at Home should not see "Mrs. Warren's Profession"; therefore the public of Hongkong were anxious to see it. The audience last night seem to enjoy the play and was most unstinted in its applause. For our own part we were disappointed. As a play, "Mrs. Warren's Profession" does not come within a thousand miles of "You never can Tell" or "Arms and the Man." Here and there it has the real Shaw sparkle, at times it is dull; and in places it reminds one of a particularly coarse and well-known smoking room story. It is a Shaw failure and not even a good failure. The are artists who can fail magnificently (George Eliot did in "Romola," for instance) and there are others who cannot. Evidently Shaw cannot. He may argue and write apologies and say cleverly abusive things of his critics until he is black in the face, but Mr. Redford was right when he banned it. There is quite enough of pitch in the world without one being invited to wade in it for three solid hours in the theatre.

Of the players, we can speak only in terms of praise. As "Mrs. Warren," Miss Nora C. O'Brien was excellent and Miss Vera O'Brien was not behind as "Vivie," her daughter. What one especially noticed was how admirably their voices suited their parts. The male members of the cast were inferior to the female, but they were none the less clever. Mr. Wilkie himself, as "Sir George Crofts"—a man whom one would dearly like to kick down some stairs—was the best.

Sheridan's comedy, "The School for Scandal," will be staged tonight.

In response to numerous requests, "The Bells" will be played on Tuesday, instead of "The Taming of the Shrew" and "Mrs. Warren's Profession" will be repeated, instead of "The Cardinal," on Thursday.

THE FULL COURT.

Judgment Reserved in Deed Appeal.

Yesterday the third day of the appeal of Hung Kwai Ching against the judgment of the Chief Justice, Sir W. Rees Davies, K.C., in the original action relating to the alleged wrongful detention of a deed—Hung Kwai Ching v. Lo Sut Po—saw the conclusion before the Full Court, consisting of Sir Haviland de Saumarez, President, the Chief Justice, Sir W. Rees Davies, K.C., and the Puisne Judge, Mr. Justice Gompertz.

Mr. M. W. Slade, K.C., instructed by Mr. Needham of Messrs. Evans and Needham, appeared for the appellant, and Mr. Eldon Potter, instructed by Mr. Davidson, of Messrs. Hastings and Hastings, for the respondent. Judgment was reserved.

RIFLES AND AMMUNITION.

Batch of Cases Tried This Morning.

Mr. C. D. Melbourne, at the Police Court, this morning imposed a fine of \$100 on a man who was charged by L.S. Willis with being in unlawful possession of a rifle and ammunition.

Another man, charged by Sergeant Grant, was fined \$50, by Mr. C. D. Melbourne, for being in unlawful possession of a rifle and ammunition.

Inspector Fenton charged a man before Mr. Melbourne, with being in unlawful possession of a rifle and 1,400 rounds of ammunition. He was fined \$250 on in default two months. For being in unlawful possession of a revolver and ammunition, a man was fined \$50, at the Police Court, this morning. A Chinese, in order to evade the police, put his revolver and ammunition in the pocket of a small boy who was along with him. He was brought before Mr. C. D. Melbourne, at the Police Court, this morning, and fined \$50.

AN ENJOYABLE
FUNCTION.Institution of Engineers and
Shipbuilders Annual Ball.

The Institution of Engineers and Shipbuilders are to be congratulated on the success of their annual ball, which was given last evening at the City Hall. The function was well attended, and the whole programme went off without a single hitch. Dancing took place in St. George's Hall, the floor of which was in its usual good condition, and was always filled with dancers who tripped the light fantastic toe until the early hours of the morning, to the music of the K.O.Y.L.I. band.

The Decorations.

One fine feature of the dance, was the excellent manner in which the building had been decorated. The vestibule was set out with pot plants and palms, while the columns were entwined with greenery which served to enhance the whiteness of the pillars. The stairs, as is usual, were lined with plants, while on the first landing a profusion of palms etc. added further to the beauty of the decorations. Facing the stairs was the huge mirror surmounted by the crest of the Institute lighted brilliantly with bulbs around its borders.

The old Chamber of Commerce Hall was set apart for the bar and card room, while an enjoyable supper was served in the St. Andrew's Hall.

The Committees.

The decorations did great credit to Engineer Commander Rooms, while Messrs. R. J. Wilton, W. C. Jack and C. C. Nelson as M.C.'s did everything to secure a good evening's enjoyment. The committees were as follows:—

Invitation.—Messrs. J. Reid (convener), R. Hunter, J. Elliot, G. J. Harman and R. M. Dyer.

Decorations.—Messrs. R. M. Dyer (convener), J. Macdonald, R. Beilken, B. L. Frost, R. J. Wilton, F. J. Gellion, C. C. Nelson, J. Tully, J. Fasse, H. B. Bridger and A. Sinclair.

Dancing.—Messrs. A. K. Henderson (convener), W. C. Jack, R. J. Wilton, J. McCubbin and C. C. Nelson.

Refreshments.—Messrs. H. Walton (convener), J. F. Reid, A. D. Macdonald, J. Lennox, J. Waldron and J. Fasse.

Supper.—Messrs. J. Ormiston (convener), T. W. Robertson, J. Fisher, J. Waldron, A. Davidson, B. L. Frost, K. Greig, J. P. Neilson, F. H. Shaw and J. Macdonald.

Card Room.—Messrs. J. Tully (convener) and T. E. S. Robson.

Dance Programme.

The dance programme was as follows:—Extra Waltz "Chanson de Mon Coeur"; Lancers "Our Miss Gibbs"; Waltz "Dreaming"; Caledonians; "Scotia"; Two Step "Every body's doing it"; Eightsome "Mrs. McLeod"; Waltz "Pink Lady"; Lancers "Arcadians"; Waltz "When birds begin to sing"; Two Step "Scotch Pebbles"; Velets "Morris"; Caledonians "Scotia"; Barn Dance "Darkie's Dream"; Lancers "White City"; Waltz "Southern Roses"; Eightsome "Fairy Dance"; Two Step "Alexander's Rag Time"; Lancers "Dollar Princess"; Waltz "Rememberance".

DECEMBER WEATHER.

Meteorological observations made at the Royal Observatory, Hongkong, during December show that the average mean temperature was 61.4. The highest was 71, on the 18th, and the lowest 45.3 on the 28th. The average humidity was 74. There were 143.9 hours of sunshine, there being only six days when none was recorded; and the total rainfall was 4.900 inches, against an average maximum over 25 years of 4.10 inches. Rain fell on eight days.

Cobras in a Stable.

Some days ago, a couple of large cobras were discovered in some straw in a stable in the premises of Messrs. Goldie and Blackstone in Logan Road, Penang. There was considerable commotion among the servants and one from a neighbouring house attacked and valiantly killed one of the snakes with a stick. Unfortunately its mate escaped. The slaughtered reptile measured over five feet in length.

BOXING.

Shadows of Forthcoming Events.

I have been furnished with a "form" paper concerning Gunner Evans of the R.G.A. who published a cartel to fight Jack Cordell, in the issue of the "Telegraph" yesterday. In this communication of achievements the gunner says he has met so and so, but does not say whether he has won or not in every instance. I take it that our friend of the ring is too modest to set out in capital letters all his conquests, and I am informed, by one acting on his behalf, that he has won the battles mentioned in the letter.

The list opens with the statement that he has defeated an ex-Gunner in the Army for the championship of Wales, middle-weight. He has defeated Teddy James, also of Wales, who had the reputation of not only fighting but defeating a number of men in America. Reverting to the first mentioned fight, he knocked the ex-gunner out in the first round. Again he appears to have been very handy with the knock-out when he put it across Russell of Wales, who, by the way, had won laurels at wrestling as well as at boxing. On this occasion the "sleeper" made itself felt in the second round. Another man, named Morgan, he seems to have "sent to the sports" in the fourth round, and then introduced the laudation to another Welshman named Rhodie, the latter taking the phial in the first round.

At present I am not able to say how Evans shapes as I have not had the opportunity of seeing him at work. But whatever the men were he knocked out, he must have something behind one of his punches.

The question is whether he has the speed with it that is necessary to find a weakness in Jack Cordell. The latter will need a thumper to make any impression on him, and from the record that Evans speaks of, Cordell has certainly found a man that should be good at the hammer. I would like to see the gunner at work before I formed any opinion, on behalf of the "Telegraph," as to what be his chances of lowering the flag of Cordell. It cannot be gainsaid that the American can thump, and though in the course of his last two bouts in the Colony there was very little opportunity of gaining an insight into his knowledge of how to dodge as well as deliver, since both men were easy marks for him, he convinced the spectators that he could use both left and right in a tale-telling manner.

Still, one man is a champion until he meets a better man, and so sure as championships in the past have been governed by this little adage, will the events of the future be so governed. It may be then the suggestion is made in the most friendly spirit in the world—that the Colony will produce a man that will beat Cordell, and whom Cordell will be able to shake hands with and welcome as his master. Jack Cordell will welcome a man that fairly and squarely beats him unless I am very much mistaken in the personality of this big fellow from the Golden West.

Xaverian.

Welsh and Mehegan Contest
the Championship.

Fred Welsh, the Light-Weight Champion of Great Britain, and Hugh Mehegan, the Light-Weight Champion of Australia, met at the National Sporting Club in a 20-round contest for the Light-Weight Championship of the World, stakes of £1,000 a side, a purse of £1,000 and a trophy of the value of £300 presented by the club. The result was a victory for Welsh on points.

The world's light-weight championship is actually claimed by Ritchie, the American boxer, who recently beat Wolgast, but the latter shirked a meeting with Welsh and the former was on one occasion beaten by him—so that even the most patriotic American critics were inclined to think that Monday night's affair was correctly described. In any case there was no denying that the cleverest and the most dangerous of living light-weight boxers had thrown their casters, metaphorically speaking, into the Covent Garden ring. Not since the historic meeting of Frank Slavin and Peter

Jackson has any contest in this country created so much interest. That it was to be a battle of styles seemed inevitable. Welsh, though he has not the open and graceful method of the incomparable Driscoll, is unquestionably one of the most effective glove-fighters ever seen in the modern prize-ring. In a close and strenuous struggle with the lesser Wells last month, he regained possession of a Lonsdale belt and at the same time proved that he was as fast and resourceful as ever and had much improved his system of in-fighting, his only weakness being a chronic incapacity to stop his opponent's left-handed drives. On that occasion he but seldom indulged in the apparently accidental butting and other trickery cultivated by the American boxers (some of whom have made the minor tactics of foul play a fine art), although his work in the clinches was often open to objection. It must be admitted, however, that his defence is almost perfect; he has never been knocked out in all his hundred contests, and it is impossible to lay a glove on him (except when he is moving away) when he makes up his mind to keep out of danger.

Mehegan, on the other hand, depended on his great strength and powerful hitting rather than on any special skill in boxing. He is one of the strongest light-weights ever seen in this country; it may be said that he has a middle-weight's punch in either hand. He adopts an exaggerated form of the American crouch, withdrawing into himself and covering up in such a way that it is impossible to hit him effectively. He hits from all angles and his long reach and surprising quickness render a frontal attack at all times risky. Probably he is the nearest thing to a Wolgast that has ever appeared in Britain. But, having made such an odious comparison, it must be added that his eccentric style does not prevent him from fighting in a clean and sportsmanlike manner.

The Fight.

There was a very full house when the men entered the ring (Welsh looking very boyish in comparison with his stiff-built opponent), and the appeal for silence during the rounds had more effect than usual. During the first ten rounds Welsh took a long lead on points, dancing in and out and scoring with innumerable light lefts. If Driscoll had been in Welsh's place Mehegan would have been neatly knocked out before half-time. Mehegan's overhead swings and horizontal "haymakers" looked very formidable. But Welsh was never at the far end of them. At in-fighting Mehegan's greater strength gave him a better chance, but Welsh never really let him inside. There were times when, as they dashed at one another, the fighters suggested a pair of quarrelsome cats on a garden wall.

It was not until the last four rounds that Mehegan showed much fighting ability. Then he stood up and slashed away vigorously and got a little of his own back, once shaking Welsh with a left drive. But, as a rule, Welsh contrived to wriggle out of danger very adroitly, invariably putting in a jab or two as he went away. Mehegan could not get near a knock-out at any time, and in the end Welsh won by a vast number of points. Indeed, he did not lose a single round. These expensive fights are seldom worth the money.

At the conclusion an Australian flag was produced, and Mehegan said the best man had won. He was right.

ORDINANCES PASSED.

His Majesty the King has not been advised to exercise his power of disallowance with respect to the following Ordinances:—An Ordinance to amend the Law relating to Criminal Sessions;—An Ordinance to amend the Merchant Shipping Ordinance, 1892;—An Ordinance to make provision for the appointment of and to define the powers of the Crown Solicitors and Assistant Crown Solicitors of the Colony;—An Ordinance to provide for the incorporation of the Church Body of the China Congregational Church in Hongkong.

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Reconstruction Negotiations.

Since the receipt of telegrams from the President, the Cabinet and the Ministry of Communications, granting the request of the Board of Directors that the scheme of reconstruction of the China Merchants Company be carried out by merchants or private individuals instead of by the Government, the Board has not been idle. The promoters of the proposed new company were invited to attend a conference which was held on December 30 last. At this conference, according to the Chinese papers, the Board of Directors submitted the following proposal:—

(1) After negotiations between the old and the new companies have been brought to a satisfactory conclusion, the new company shall deposit Tls. 8,000,000 in cash with the Bank of China and the Bank of Communications, within four weeks; then it shall wait until the Board of Directors has requested the Government to appoint an official to come to Shanghai and jointly to make investigations, after which, if the money is found without foreign capital, the agreement will be signed. Should the Government refuse to appoint an official, then Yang Shi-chi (the official appointed by the Government to investigate the affairs of the China Merchants' Co., some time ago) will, in conjunction with the Board, make investigations, and if the company is found to have no foreign capital, the agreement will be signed.

(2) After the new Company has deposited Tls. 8,000,000 with the two banks above-mentioned, the old Company shall guarantee this sum in case bankruptcy should occur.

(3) The new Company having deposited Tls. 8,000,000 in these two banks, if, during the period before the signing of the agreement there should arise an unexpected agitation making the conclusion of an agreement impossible, the old company shall be liable to make good the interest on this sum in accordance with the daily rates quoted.

The new Company, in reply, has sent a counter-proposal to the following effect:—

(1) Re the old Company's proposal, para. 1:—After negotiations, etc., Tls. 8,000,000 shall be deposited with any solvent and reliable banks of China or banking houses and hong.

(2) The Board of Directors may during the progress of the negotiations, make strict and exhaustive investigations as to whether the deposit made is really Chinese money, so as to remove popular doubts.

(3) The Board may make strict and exhaustive investigations as to whether the deposit made contains foreign capital or not, but it should not wait until after the terms have been settled, and negotiations concluded before raising objection in this connection.

(4) After the conclusion of the negotiations, the new Company shall deposit Tls. 8,000,000 with Chinese banks, banking houses or hong within four weeks. The

date on which the deposit is made shall be deemed the date of concluding the bargain; neither side shall be permitted to repent or retract, and should either raise any other argument, rules for the infliction of heavy fines shall be provided and respected.

(5) The new and the old companies shall still act in accordance with terms submitted by the former representative of the new Company.

(6) The Board of Directors shall send a clear statement of accounts of the expenditure and income for the 1st year (1912) to the new Company for examination.

(7) As the entire property of the China Merchants' Co. has been mortgaged to Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, we hear, from the Managers, for a term of 15 years, can it be redeemed now in advance?

(8) With regard to indemnifying the Hankow Merchants, the Board of Directors has made public the information that this indemnity has been sanctioned to be paid by the Hupeh Tathai. Now, the Hankow merchants are advertising their claim for an indemnity of Tls. 1,200,000, and their language is very serious. How may this matter be settled?

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For	Steamship	Date of Departure
SHANGHAI, KOBÉ & YOKOHAMA	CARMARTHENSHIRE	14th Jan.
LONDON, ROTTERDAM & ANTWERP	MONMOUTHSHIRE	18th Jan.
LONDON & ANTWERP	PEMBROKESHIRE	4th Feb.

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HONGKONG-CANTON LINE.

HONGKONG TO CANTON CANTON TO HONGKONG

SATURDAY, 11th JANUARY.

10.00 p.m. "FATSHAN." 5.00 p.m. "HEUNGSHAN."

SUNDAY, 12th JANUARY.

10.00 p.m. "KINSHAN." 4.00 p.m. "FATSHAN."

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S.S. "SUI TAI" Tons 1651 S.S. "SUI AN" Tons 1651

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Week days at 8 A.M. & 2 P.M. from the Company's Wing Lok Street Wharf. Sunday at 9 A.M. & 12.30 P.M. from the Company's Wing Lok Street Wharf.

MACAO TO HONGKONG.

Week days at 7.30 A.M. & 2 P.M. Sundays, at 7.30 A.M. and 5 P.M.

EXCURSION TO MACAO

SUNDAY, 12th JANUARY.

The Company's Steamship "SUI AN."

will depart from the Company's WING LOK STREET WHARF at 9 A.M. and return from Macao at 5 P.M.

N.B.—The Company will also run a steamer from Macao on Sunday morning at 7.30 A.M. and from Hongkong at 12.30 P.M. from the Company's WING LOK STREET WHARF.

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S.S. "SAINAM," 688 Tons, and "NANNING," 669 Tons.
One of the above steamers leaves Canton for Wuchow every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at about 8 A.M., and the other leaves Wuchow for Canton on the same days at 8.30 A.M. Round trips take about 5 days. Passengers can return to Hongkong or vice versa by the Company's direct steamers "LINTAN" and "SANUL." These vessels have superior Cabin accommodation and are fitted throughout by electricity. Electric Fan in each Cabin.

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SUBJECT TO ALTERATION

Destination.	Steamers and Displacement.	Sailing Dates.
N'SAKI, KOBÉ & YOKOHAMA	NIKKO MARU Capt. M. Yagi T. 9,600	TUESDAY, 14th Jan., at Noon.
SHANGHAI, MOJI & KOBÉ	SANUKI MARU Capt. Richards T. 12,500	WEDNESDAY, 15th Jan., at Noon.
SYDNEY & MELBOURNE via MANILA, THURSDAY ISLAND, TOWNSVILLE and BRISBANE	YAWATA MARU Capt. T. Sakine T. 7,000	WEDNESDAY, 15th Jan., at Noon.
EUROPE &c.	AKI MARU Capt. B. Kon T. 12,500 MISHIMA MARU Capt. A. E. Moses T. 16,000	WEDNESDAY, 15th Jan., at daylight. WEDNESDAY, 29th Jan., at daylight.
KOBÉ & YOKOHAMA	ATSUTA MARU Capt. J. Nagao T. 16,000	THURSDAY, 16th Jan., at 11 a.m.
SHANGHAI, KOBÉ & YOKOHAMA	JINSEN MARU Capt. M. Mochida T. 6,000	MONDAY, 20th Jan., at Noon.
BOMBAY via Singapore and Colombo	HANGOON MARU Capt. Kamoshita T. 6,000	MONDAY, 20th Jan., at Noon.
AMERICA &c.	SADO MARU Capt. K. Noda T. 12,500 YOKOHAMA MARU Capt. K. Noda T. 12,500	FRIDAY, 17th Jan., at Noon. TUESDAY, 28th Jan., at Noon.

† Cargo only.

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PASSENGER SEASON FOR 1913.

FOR EUROPE.

Steamer.	Tons displacement.	Leaving H.K.
Mishima Maru	16,000	29th January.
Kaga Maru	12,500	12th February.
Atsuta Maru	16,000	26th February.
Hitachi Maru	18,000	12th March.
Miyazaki Maru	16,000	26th March.
Kitano Maru	16,000	9th April.
Iyo Maru	12,500	23rd April.
Hirano Maru	16,000	7th May.
Tango Maru	18,500	21st May.

FOR AMERICA.

Steamer.	Tons displacement.	Leaving H.K.
Inaba Maru	12,500	11th February.
Shidzuoka Maru	12,500	25th February.
Tamba Maru	12,500	11th March.
Awia Maru	12,500	25th March.
Sado Maru	12,500	4th April.
Yokohama Maru	12,500	22nd April.
Inaba Maru	12,500	6th May.
Shidzuoka Maru	12,500	20th May.

(Subject to change without notice.)

[5] T. KUSUMOTO, Manager.

CHINA NAVIGATION
CO., LTD.

SAILINGS SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

For	Steamers.	To Sail.
SHANGHAI	"LINAN"	11th Jan., 11 p.m.
MANILA, CEBU & ILOILO	"KUEICHOW"	14th Jan., 4 p.m.
SHANGHAI	"CHINHUA"	16th Jan., 4 p.m.

This steamer has superior accommodation with Electric Light throughout and Electric Fans in State-rooms. A fully qualified Doctor is carried. Reduced Fares, Cargo booked through for all Australian, New Zealand and Tasmanian Ports.

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These steamers land passengers in Shanghai, avoiding the inconvenience of transhipment at Woosung.

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STEAMSHIP CO.

Steamship.	Tons.	Captain.	For	Sailing Date.
ZAFIRO	4000	F. S. MacMurray	Manila, Mangarin, Iloilo and Cebu.	THURSDAY, 16th Jan., 4 p.m.
RUBI	4000	J. Miller	Manila, Mangarin, Iloilo and Cebu.	SATURDAY, 26th Jan., 4 p.m.

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Steamer	From	Expected on or about	For	Will leave on or about
Tjimarli	JAVA	1st half Jan.	JAPAN	1st half Jan.
Tjipanas	JAPAN	1st half Jan.	JAVA	1st half Jan.
Tjikini	SHANGHAI	1st half Jan.	JAVA	1st half Jan.
Tjibodas	JAVA	2nd half Jan.	SHANGHAI	2nd half Jan.
Tjitaroom	JAPAN	2nd half Jan.	JAVA	2nd half Jan.
Tjilwong	JAVA	2nd half Jan.	JAPAN	2nd half Jan.
Tjilatjap	JAVA	2nd half Jan.	JAPAN	2nd half Jan.
Tjimanok	JAVA	1st half Feb.	JAPAN	1st half Feb.

The steamers are all fitted throughout with Electric Light, and have accommodation for a limited number of saloon passengers, and will take cargo to all ports in Netherlands-India on through B/L.

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Steamer	Tons	Captain	Date of sailing
S.S. "Nippon Maru"	11,000	A. G. Stevens	Jan. 11th, Noon.
S.S. "Tenyo Maru"	21,000	E. Bent	Jan. 17th, Noon.
S.S. "Shinyo Maru"	21,000	H. S. Smith	Feb. 11th, Noon.
S.S. "Chiyo Maru"	21,000	W. W. Greene	Mar. 11th, Noon.

These steamers are equipped with Turbine Engines and Triple Screws. All steamers carry Japanese Government wireless telegraph and post office. The steamer "Tenyo Maru" will be despatched for SAN FRANCISCO via SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBÉ, YOKOHAMA and HONOLULU on TUESDAY, the 11th March, at Noon.

INTERMEDIATE SERVICE.

The twin screw steamer "Nippon Maru" will be despatched for SAN FRANCISCO via SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBÉ, YOKOHAMA & HONOLULU on SATURDAY, the 11th January, 1913, at Noon.

SOUTH AMERICAN LINE.

In connection with the National Railway of Mexico at Manzanillo and the Tehuantepec National Railway at Salina Cruz.

Only Regular Direct Service to Mexican, Chilean and Peruvian Ports.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG (Subject to alteration).

Steamer	Tons	Date of Sailing
Kiyo Maru	17,500	Saturday, February 1, Noon 1913.
Buyo Maru	10,500	Thursday, April 3, Noon 1913.
Hongkong Maru	11,000	Wednesday, June 4, Noon.

For Further Particulars as to Passage and Freight, apply to

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Steamers:	Tons	Starting	Date
Persia	9,000	Jan. 28th	at 1 p.m.
Korea	18,000	Feb. 4th	at 1 p.m.
Siberia	18,000	Feb. 18th	at 1 p.m.
China	10,200	Feb. 25th	at 8 p.m.

Passengers holding through Tickets have the privilege of travelling by train between Kobe and Yokohama, free of charge.

HONGKONG-MANILA SERVICE.

From HONGKONG.	Arrive	Leave	From MANILA.	Due
Leave Hongkong.	Manila.	Manila.	Leave Hongkong.	
Feb. 25 CHINA	Feb. 27	Feb. 21 MANCHURIA	Feb. 23	
Mar. 18 NILE	Mar. 20	Mar. 8 NILE	Mar. 10	
Apr. 16 PERSIA	Apr. 17	Mar. 16 MONGOLIA	Mar. 18	
May 18 CHINA	May 16	Apr. 5 PERSIA	Apr. 7	

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HONGKONG.

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Hongkong, 1st May, 1911.

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LOG BOOK.

Accident to a Transport.

December 12.—The Italian marine transport Hardinge, from India to England, with a large number of troops on board, has just been towed into the harbour here by Admiralty tugs. Her machinery is damaged, and the vessel is being dry docked. It is stated that it will take several days to effect the necessary repairs.

New Steamer Nagata Maru.

The new steamer Nagata Maru No. 25, 481 tons gross, recently constructed at Osaka to the order of the Shigumi & Co., Dairen, made her first entry into Dairen from Kobe, via Moji, on December 30 with 260 tons import goods and 7 passengers. She is intended for the Company's Dairen-Chefoo-Pitsuw-Takshan regular route, and has excellent accommodation as a coast liner. The present liner Nagata Maru No. 19 will be released from her service, as reported previously.

New Fleet for Spain.

The "Journal" Madrid correspondent states that a new Spanish squadron is planned for the near future, comprising three Dreadnoughts of 21,000 tons each, two torpedo-boat destroyers of the latest type, nine ocean-going torpedo-boats, and three submarines. The vessels will be Spanish-built, and a commencement will be made at Ferrol directly the battleship Alfonso XIII. has been launched. The battleship Espana will be taken over by the Navy in April.

Carpathia's Engineers Honoured.

The Lord Mayor of Liverpool has made various presentations to the engineers and electricians of the Carpathia for their services at the time of the Titanic disaster. Mr. A. Johnstone, chief engineer, received a substantial cheque and a silver tea and coffee service and punchbowl. The other engineers received gold watches with suitable inscriptions and monograms. A cheque for £48 was also presented to the Sailors and Firemen's Union to be divided amongst the 45 greasers, firemen, and trimmers if the men could be found, failing which the money will be devoted to the Union sick fund.

The Port of Chinwangtao.

It is interesting to note the growing importance of Chinwangtao as a shipping port, says the "P. and Times" of December 28. During the last few days there have been no less than ten steamers in port at the same time, representing a gross registered tonnage of 23,311. These vessels discharged 3,000 tons of general cargo from Shanghai, Hongkong and Japan, and loaded 20,000 tons of coal, bricks and cement and 5,000 tons of general cargo for San Francisco, Japan, Shanghai, Swatow and Hongkong. There are six steamers due to arrive before the end of the month with 8,000 tons of cargo from Japan and Shanghai, and they will load 17,000 tons of coal and general cargo for the same ports.

Narrow Escape of Crew of Sinking Steamer.

Twenty-six of the crew of the steamer Barcelona, which foundered during a storm in the Bay of Biscay, arrived at Southampton on December 7 in the Royal Mail steamer Aragon. The Barcelona was on a voyage from Salina to Leith, with a cargo of barley, when she encountered terrible weather in

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Next Sailings from Hongkong:

OUTWARD.	HOMEWARD.
For Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama:	For Havre, Bremen & Hamburg:
" O. J. D. AHLERS, 11th Feb.	S.S. SAMBLA 14th Jan.
" SILESIA 15th Feb.	For Havre, Bremen & Hamburg:
" SUEVIA 15th Feb.	S.S. ARMENIA 24th Jan.
" SPEZIA 26th Feb.	For Rotterdam, Bremen & Hamburg:
" SCANDIA 10th March	S.S. FURST BULOEW 25th Jan.
" SITHONIA 23rd March	For Havre & Hamburg:
	S.S. ALTMARK 6th Feb.
	For Marseilles, Bremen, H. & A. werr:
	S.S. GOLDENFELS 10th Feb.
	For Bremen & Hamburg:
	S.S. BRISGAVIA 8th March
	For Havre, Bremen & Hamburg:
	S.S. O. J. D. AHLERS 16th March.
	For Vancouver & Portland (Ore.):
	S.S. SITHONIA 22nd March

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NEW FORTNIGHTLY SERVICE OF STEAMERS BETWEEN
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EASTWARD.
The S.S. "FULTA," 4164 tons gross, Capt. H. W. Talbot, will be
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cargo and passengers at current rates.

WESTWARD.
The S.S. "OKARA," 5291 tons gross, Capt. E. R. Hirst, will be
despatched for SINGAPORE, PORT SWETTENHAM, PENANG and RAN-
GOON on the 14th January 1913 at noon, and will be followed by the S.S.
"UPADA," 5257 tons gross, Capt. Logan, sailing hence on or about the
20th January 1913 at noon, taking cargo at current rates.

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ced at Huddersfield, Glossop,
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Our Oversea Trade.

The following has been sent to
the Editor of "The Globe."

Sir,—I shall be glad if you will
permit me to call attention to the
remarkable confirmation of the
case for Tariff Reform afforded
by the returns of our overseas
trade during the present year.
The bearing of these returns upon
the fiscal question can, of course,
only be determined by referen-
ce, on the one hand, to the
state of trade in our home market,
and on the other to the records of
our protected competitors.
Official information as the amount
of our home trade is, unfortun-
ately, not available, but the official
returns of the foreign trade of the
leading commercial countries per-
mit of a very instructive com-
parison. When it is remembered
that the United States and
Germany, in addition to their
overseas commerce, enjoy pro-
tected trade with 93 millions
and 65 millions of people respec-
tively in their secure home mar-
kets, while our home market of
45 millions is thrown open to the
unrestricted competition of the
entire world, the figures are
significant in the extreme. No
more striking vindication could
be desired of the continued val-
idity of Mr. Chamberlain's main
argument in 1903, that our great
foreign competitors "are doing
better in their foreign trade than
we are."—Yours, &c.,
G. Graham Anderson,
Literary Secretary.
Tariff Reform League, 7, Vic-
toria-street, S. W.

Sea-going Motor Cruiser.

Local yachtsmen, says the New
York "Evening Post," are await-
ing with eager interest the first

appearance in these waters of the
new gasoline cruising yacht, the
new Tarantula, now building in
Lawley's South Boston yard for a
prominent member of the new
York Yacht Club, and due to be
launched some time next month.
The Tarantula is one of the very
few pleasure yachts of her kind to
which the word sea-going may be
applied in every sense of the
word. She is built for rough
going, and will have tank room
for 9,000 gallons of gasoline,
enough to carry her across
the Atlantic—a feat which she
is expected to perform during her
first season. There is no boat
now afloat exactly like the new
cruiser. For one thing, she is
probably the largest sea-going
craft of the kind ever built, mea-
suring 130 feet overall, having
a 20-foot beam. Perhaps, the ne-
arest thing to the Tarantula is the
Thelma, the high-powered motor
yacht which Commodore Mortor
F. Plant uses chiefly as a tender
for his Elena during the
racing season, or Monella,
which was built for Mr. Bor-
land of Chicago some few
years ago. Thelma, however,
while having Tarantula's length
and precisely the same type
of engines—two 300-horsepower
ones—has only a 15-foot beam, can
carry not more than 2,000 gallons
of fuel, at the outside. Her relative-
ly narrow beam, of course, makes
her the faster boat, but in order
for her to cross the ocean, all
other considerations aside, she
would have to store several thou-
sand additional gallons of fuel on
her deck—a well-nigh impossible
thing to do. Tarantula will have
a cruising speed of twelve knots,
and a maximum speed of fourteen
knots. It is expected that she
will soon have an opportunity to
show her speed in the run from
Boston to this port, or possibly
direct to the West Indies, whence
her owner is expected to cross
over to the Mediterranean. Pro-
bably the most novel feature of
the new boat is the fact that she
will have no less than eight water-
tight bulkheads, each being a solid
sheet of steel and having no doors.
Thus the boat is divided into eight
compartments each separate from
the other. The bulkheads on ocean
liners, of course, are equipped

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Destination.	Vessel's Name.	For Freight Apply To	To be Dispatched.
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London and Antwerp via Singapore, &c.	Novara	P. & O. Co.	22 Jan., about
London via Usual Ports of Call	India	P. & O. Co.	18 January
Havre and Hamburg, &c.	Sambha	H. A. L.	14 January
do do do	Altmark	H. A. L.	27 January
Havre, Bremen and Hamburg, &c.	Brigavia	H. A. L.	8 March
Rotterdam, Bremen and Hamburg, &c.	Fuerst Baelow	H. A. L.	24 January
do do do	Armenia	H. A. L.	15 January
Mexico, Peruvian and Chili via Japan	Kiyo Maru	T. K. K.	1 February
Cape Ports via Mauritius	Duneric	Bank Line	Begin, January
Copenhagen and Baltic Ports	Canton	A. N. & Co.	15 January
Marseilles	Goldenfels	H. A. L.	8 February
Trieste via Singapore, Penang & Colombo, &c.	Koerber	S. W. & Co.	19 January
Marseilles, London & Antwerp via Singapore, &c.	Aki Maru	N. Y. K.	15 January

New York, San Francisco and Canada.

Bo	N. Y. K.	28 Jan., about
N. Y. K.	S. T. & Co.	13 Jan., about
S. T. & Co.	P. M. Co.	23 January
P. M. Co.	P. M. Co.	4 February
P. M. Co.	Bank Line	15 January
Bank Line	N. Y. K.	14 January
N. Y. K.	O. S. K.	5 February
O. S. K.	O. S. K.	23 January
O. S. K.	C. P. R. Co.	8 March

Australia.

Australian Ports via Manila	Yawata Maru	N. Y. K.	15 January
do do do	Coblentz	H. & Co.	25 January
do do do	Eastern	G. L. & Co.	1 February

Singapore, Coast Ports and Japan.

Batavia, Cheribon, Samarang, &c.	Tjitaroem	J. C. J. L.	Quick despatch
do do do	Tjimarhi	J. C. J. L.	Quick despatch
Singapore, Penang and Calcutta	Dilwara	D. S. & Co.	21 January
Spore, Port Swettenham, Penang & Rangoon.	Okara	J. M. & Co.	14 January
Bombay via Singapore and Colombo	Rangoon Maru	N. Y. K.	20 January
Kadat and Sandakan	Borneo	M. & Co.	Middle of January
Japan	Tjiliwong	J. C. J. L.	Quick despatch
Yokohama and Kobe	Fultala	J. M. & Co.	14 January
Yokohama and Kobe via Shanghai	E. F. Ferdinand	S. W. & Co.	1 Feb., about
Kobe and Moji	Laisang	J. M. & Co.	14 January
Kobe and Yokohama	Atsuta Maru	N. Y. K.	10 January
Nagasaki, Kobe and Yokohama	Nikko Maru	N. Y. K.	15 January
Pakhoi and Haiphong	Sungkiang	B. & S.	12 January
Anping and Takao via Swatow and Amoy	Sochu Maru	O. S. K.	22 January
Amoy and Foochow	Haitan	D. L. & Co.	12 January
Swatow	Haimua	D. L. & Co.	12 January
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Haiyang	D. L. & Co.	14 January
do do do	Haiching	D. L. & Co.	17 January
do do do	Kaijo Maru	O. S. K.	15 January
do do do	Daigi Maru	O. S. K.	12 January
Kwang-chow, Wang and Haiphong	Si-Kiang	M. M. Co.	15 January
Manila	Yuensang	J. M. & Co.	18 January
Manila, Cebu and Iloilo	Kueichow	B. & S.	14 January
Manila, Mangarin, Iloilo and Cebu	Zafiro	S. T. & Co.	16 January
Shanghai via Swatow	Wosang	J. M. & Co.	14 January
Shanghai, Kobe and Yokohama	Carmarthenshire	J. M. & Co.	14 Jan., about
do do do	Magellan	M. M. Co.	16 January
do do do	Silesia	H. A. L.	14 January
do do do	Jelunga	D. S. & Co.	17 January
Shanghai, Kobe and Moji	Senuki Maru	N. Y. K.	15 January
Shanghai, Moji and Kobe	Sardinia	P. & O. Co.	13 Jan., about
Shanghai, Moji, Kobe and Yokohama	Yeddo	A. N. & Co.	27 January
Shanghai, Yokohama, Kobe and Moji	Tjilatjap	J. C. J. L.	Quick despatch
Shanghai	Tjibodas	J. C. J. L.	Quick despatch
do	Tjikini	J. C. J. L.	Quick despatch
do	Assaye	P. & O. Co.	18 Jan., about
do	Bohemie	S. W. & Co.	29 January

with doors operated, in case of
emergency, from the deck house.
According to her designers,
Tarantula will be able to keep
afloat with any two of her bulk-
heads flooded. Everything about
the ship is designed for long
journeys. There is an ice machine
aboard, and this, combined with
liberal storage space, will enable
the boat to carry fresh provisions
for three months. There are four
staterooms and two bathrooms,
and a main saloon below decks,
as well as two deck saloons,
one of which is to be used
as a dining-room. In spite of the
completeness and great size of
the boat, it will be necessary to
carry a crew of only eight men.
The comparatively small crew is
due to the fact, of course, that
gasoline engines need much less
attention than steam engines of
equal power. Two men—an en-
gineer and his assistant—will be
all the hands necessary to tend
the two 300-horsepower motors.
A captain and mate, a
steward-cook, and three deck
hands will complete the
ship's crew equipment. Although
it is absolutely necessary for
gasoline ships to fit out with a
smoke-stack (it will be recalled
that one of the latest boats to
use gasoline makes use of a hol-
low mast for the exhaust, doing

away entirely with the stack),
Tarantula will have one stack.
It has been found that the stack
is a good thing to have about
ship, for ventilating purposes, if
nothing else, and many smaller
craft that set out to dispense with
their stacks have found it ad-
visable to put them back in place.
Another feature of the
boat is that her plates have
all been galvanized as an extra
precaution against rusting. Her
deck will rise five feet above the
water-line amidships, and twelve
feet at the bow. This, combined
with her exceptionally wide beam,
will tend to make her a good
rough-weather traveller. Tar-
antula's engines are by Charles
L. Seabury and the Gas Engine
Power Company. Some yacht-
men have expressed some wonder
that the craft did not fit out
with the new type of engine
that is being introduced exten-
sively in the navy, mosquito fleet,
and that burn petroleum oil as
fuel. The owners and builders
decided against this type of en-
gine, believing that it had not
yet been sufficiently perfected.
Tarantula will be equipped with
twinscrew propellers, and will
have in addition two emergency
masts and an outfit of sails in
case of accident to the motors or
both propellers.

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MOVEMENTS OF
STEAMERS.

VESSELS ADVERTISED TO

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For	Vessel
Formosa,	Daigi-maru.
Swatow,	Haitan.
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DEPART ON MONDAY.

Macao,	Sui Tai.
Japan,	Fultala.
Japan,	Tjimahi.
New York,	Swazi.
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VESSELS ADVERTISED TO

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From	Vessels
Singapore,	Laisang.
Dalny,	Koonshing.
Moji,	Okara.

ARRIVE ON MONDAY.

Singapore,	Carmarthenshire.
Singapore,	Sardinia.
Shanghai,	Sambha.

AMERICAN MAIL.

The T. K. K. s.s. Shinyo Maru,
leaves San Francisco for Hong-
kong on the 4th January, and is
due here on the 31st January.

The T. K. K. s.s. Chiyo Maru,
left Yokohama for Honolulu
and San Francisco on the 31st
ult., and is due at San Francisco
on the 16th January.

The P. M. s.s. Korea, with the
American mail, sailed for this
port from San Francisco via
Honolulu, the usual Japan ports
and Manila on the 27th ult.

The P. M. s.s. Siberia, left San
Francisco on the 9th inst., for
Hongkong, via Honolulu, Japan
ports and Manila.

FRENCH MAIL.

The M. M. s.s. Magellan, is
expected to arrive here from
Europe on the 16th inst., at day-
light, and will leave for Shanghai
and Japan on the same day on or
about 6 p.m.

MERCHANT STEAMERS.

The T. K. K. s.s. Hongkong
Maru, left Honolulu for Man-
zanillo on the 31st ult., where she
is due on the 12th January.

The s.s. Shimosa sailed from
New York on the 24th Nov., for
Far East, via the Straits.

The I. C. S. N. s.s. Laisang,
from Singapore, is due at Hong-
kong on the 12th inst.

The I. C. S. N. s.s. Fausang,
from Java, is due at Hongkong
on the 16th inst.

The I. C. S. N. s.s. Koonshing,
from Dalny, is due at Hongkong
on the 12th inst.

The Shire Line s.s. Carmar-
thenshire, from London, is due at
Hongkong on the 13th inst. She
left Singapore on the 5th inst.

The B. I. S. N. s.s. Okara, from
Moji, is due at Hongkong on the
12th inst.

The P. & O. s.s. Sardinia, left
Singapore for this port on the 7th
inst., at 7 a.m., and is due here on
the 13th inst. at about 8 a.m.

The Swedish East Asiatic Co's
s.s. Yeddo, left Suez on the 2nd
inst., and is expected to arrive
here on or about the 27th inst.

The s.s. Glenlogan, passed the
Suez Canal on the 27th ult., for
Hongkong via Straits.

The s.s. Jelunga, from Calcutta,
left Singapore on the 8th inst.,
and may be expected here on or
about the 10th inst.

The A. A. S. S. Co's s.s. Inver-
clyde, passed the Suez Canal on
the 7th inst., and is due here on
or about 5th prox.

The American & Oriental Line
s.s. "Jesserio," which left here on the
1st November for Boston and New
York, arrived at the former port
on the 9th inst.

The H. A. L. s.s. Sambha, left
Shanghai on the 10th inst., a.m.,
and may be expected here on or
about the 13th inst., a.m.

The s.s. Glenroy, passed the
Suez Canal on the 20th ult. for
Hongkong via Straits.

The T. K. K. s.s. Kiyo Maru,
arrived at Yokohama from Hono-
lulu on the 2nd January, and is
due here on the 13th January.

VESSELS IN PORT.

St. Amers.
Ariake Maru, Jap. s.s., 2,018 Sato,
9th Jan.—Mike 2nd Jan.,
Coal—M. B. K.

Benelouch, Fr. s.s., 2,678, Geo.
McMillan, 9th Jan.—
Karatou 3rd Jan., Coal—
G. L. & Co.

Eiger, Ger. s.s., 778, E. Pingabeon,
4th Jan.—Haiphong 3rd
Jan., Gen.—J. & Co.

Daigi Maru, Jap. s.s., 899,
Somekawa, 8th Jan.—
Swatow 7th Jan., Gen.—
O. S. K.

Drufar, Ger. s.s., 1,102, J. Bing,
9th Jan.—Bangkok and
Swatow 8th Jan., Rice—
Chinese.

Fultala, Br. s.s., 2,702, H. W.
Fallent, 10th Jan.—Ran-
goon and Straits 22nd
Dec., Gen.—I. M. & Co.

Hongkong, Fr. s.s., 743, A. Corne-
lien, 6th Jan.—Haiphong
and Pakhoi 4th Jan.,
Gen.—Marty.

Hopsang, Br. s.s., 1,359, Fay, 9th
Jan.—Swatow 7th Jan.,
Ballast—J. M. & Co.

Kashing, Br. s.s., 1,143, Lewis,
10th Jan.—Kamranh Bay
7th Jan., Salt—B. & S.

Kueichow, Br. s.s., 1,210, E.
Porsyth, 10th Jan.—
Manila 7th Jan., Gen.—
B. & S.

Pitsanulok, Ger. s.s., 1,204, D.
Reimers, 5th Jan.—Bang-
kok 24th Dec., Rice and
Gen.—M. & Co.

Pongtong, Ger. s.s., 998, Potefuhr,
6th Jan.—Bangkok 25th
Dec., Rice and Teak—
B. & S.

Sado Maru, Jap. s.s., K. Asakawa,
7th Jan.—Shanghai 4th
Jan., Coal—O. S. K.

Shuntein, Br. s.s., 1,085, Heppell,
7th Jan.—Canton 6th
Dec., Gen.—B. & S.

Swazi, Br. s.s., 3,446, H. J. Abbey,
9th Jan.—Shanghai, Gen.—
S. T. & Co.

Taming, Br. s.s., 1,542, Plunket
Cole, 3rd Jan.—Manila
31st Dec., Ballast—B. & S.

Tamsui, Br. s.s., 919, W. J. French,
1st Jan.—Swatow 31st
Dec., Ballast—B. & S.

Tenyo Maru, Jap. s.s., 7,263, E.
Bent, 10th Jan.—San
Francisco 13th Dec., Gen.—
T. K. K.

Tjimahi, Dutch s.s., 3,815, Scheim-
bert, 9th Jan.—Macassar
31st Dec., Ballast—J. C.
J. L.

Triumph, Ger. s.s., W. Langhwa-
ger, 29th Dec.—Bal-
phon 27th Dec., Gen.—J.
& Co.

Yuensang, Br. s.s., 1,128, Rolfe,
31st Dec.—Manila 28th
Dec., Gen.—J. M. & Co.

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Bull, E. Moha, K. B.
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Campbell, A. C. W. & Mrs.
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Ehrenfels, Mr. Sausmarez, Sir
and Mrs. H. C. H. de
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Finlayson, Mrs. Mrs. S.
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Fowler, E. A. S. Schmoke, W.
Freer, Miss Mand. Schwaerer, Dr.
French, Mrs. & Selby, Miss F.
child R.
French, Capt. W. Sibley, J. C.
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Frey, Mr. & Mrs. G. V.
A. J. Solomon, H. H.
Frey, Master R. Sutherland, P.
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Gould, Mr. and Mrs. B.
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S.S. "BENDORAN"
From ANTWERP, MIDDLESBRO,
LONDON AND STRAITS.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo are hereby
informed that all goods are being
landed at their risk into the hazardous
and/or extra hazardous Godowns of the
Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and
Godown Co., Ltd., whence and/or from
the wharves delivery may be obtained.
No Claims will be admitted after the
Goods have left the Godowns, and all
Goods remaining undelivered after the
15th inst., will be subject to rent.
All Claims against the Steamer must
be presented to the Underwriter on or
before the 22nd inst., or they will not
be recognized.
All broken, chafed, and damaged
Goods are to be left in the Godowns,
where they will be examined on the
15th inst., at 11 A.M.
No Fire Insurance has been effected.
Bills of Lading will be countersigned
by GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO.
Agents.
Hongkong, 8th Jan., 1913. [1040]

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVI-

GATION CO., LTD.

FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG

AND SINGAPORE.

THE Company's Steamship

"FOOKSANG"

having arrived from the above Ports
Consignees of cargo by her are hereby
informed that their goods will be de-
livered from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge or
remaining on board after 4 p.m. the
8th inst., will be landed at Consignees'
risk and expense.
No Fire Insurance has been effected.
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Hongkong, 7th Jan., 1913 [1038]

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Notices

Consignees

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD, BREMEN.

IMPERIAL GERMAN MAIL LINE.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE Steamship

"COBLENZ"

having arrived, Consignees of cargo are
hereby informed that their Goods, with
the exception of Opium, Treasure and
Valuables, are being landed and stored
at their risk into the hazardous and/or
extra hazardous Godowns of the Hong-
kong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown
Company, Limited, Kowloon, and
West Point Godowns, whence delivery
may be obtained.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded on
unless intimation is received from the
Consignees before noon to-day request-
ing it to be landed here.

No claims will be admitted after the
Goods have left the Godowns, and all
goods remaining undelivered after the
14th of Jan., 1913, will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed, and damaged
Goods are to be left in the Godowns,
where they will be examined on the 14th
of Jan., at 9.30 A.M.

All claims must reach us before the
21st of Jan., 1913, or they will not be
recognized.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.
Bills of Lading will be countersigned
by the undersigned.

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD.

MELOHERS & CO.

Hongkong, 7th Jan., 1913. [1037]

TOYO KISEN KAISHA.

THE Steamship

"TENYO MARU."

FROM SAN FRANCISCO, via

HONOLULU, AND JAPAN

PORTS.

The above-named Steamer having
arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby
notified to send in their Bills of Lading
for countersignature, and to take im-
mediate delivery of cargo from alongside.

Cargo remaining undelivered on
MONDAY, 13th Jan., at 5 P.M., will
be landed at Consignees' risk and ex-
pense and delivery must then be taken
from Company's Godown.

No Fire Insurance whatever will be
effected.

No Claims will be recognized after the
Goods have left the Steamer or
Godown, and all Goods remaining
undelivered on FRIDAY, the 17th
inst., afternoon, will be subject to rent
and landing charges.

All chafed and otherwise damaged
Cargo to be left on board or Godown
and examination of same to be held on
THURSDAY 16th inst., at 3 P.M.

All claims must be filed on or before
24th inst., otherwise they will not be
recognized.

S. MORIMOTO,

Agent.

Hongkong 10th Jan., 1913. [1048]

MRS. LANGTRY..

Not Allowed to Play in

Pittsburg.

Broadway was puzzled recently
by dispatches from Pittsburg that
Mrs. Lily Langtry, who is
under contract at \$3000 a week
to appear in a suffragette playlet
written by herself, is not allowed
to play there.

Twice a day she reported at
the Pittsburg Grand Opera-house,
where she was announced as the
"headliner" in "Helping the
Cause," only to be told by the
stage manager that her services
were not required.

She was billed for a week, "but
after one night's performance it
was announced that she was
forced to cancel the engagement
because of ill health, and was
returning to New York. She did
not come to New York, though,
and apparently she was not ill.

She kept her expensive suite at
the Fort Pitt Hotel, and reported
promptly every afternoon and
evening, to be just as promptly
turned down.

It is denied that adverse
criticisms in the newspapers had
anything to do with cutting short
the international star's engage-
ment. But she would not discuss
her affairs.

Mr. Martin Beck, president of
the Orpheum Circuit, said he
knew nothing of the nature of
her troubles in Pittsburg, though
she is under contract with him.
He thinks there may have been
a misunderstanding with the
management.

While the Jersey Lily is having
her troubles in Pittsburg the
management of the Abingdon
Storage Warehouse in New York
is preparing to sell a beautiful
portrait of her to satisfy storage
charges.

Mr. Freddie Gebhardt, Mrs.
Langtry's devoted admirer when
she first visited the United States,
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COMEDIES OF ROYALTY.

Amusing Experiences that have
befallen Royal personages.

The sorrows of Royalty have
already been dealt with in these
pages; here are a few comical
intimately connected with various
Royal personages with whose
names you will be familiar:

The Emperor's Breakfast.

The theft of the Emperor
Franco Joseph's breakfast at
Budapest about a fortnight ago
caused great excitement in the
Palace. Emperor rises at 3.30
a.m., and the breakfasts immedi-
ately after a cold bath. The palace
cook, like the other servants,
rises at 2 o'clock, as the Em-
peror is impatient of any delay.

When the cook went to the
larder to fetch the cold meat
which he had prepared overnight
he found to his horror that it had all
disappeared. The worthy cook,
suspecting he knew not what, in-
formed the Emperor's detectives,
and the palace was at once sur-
rounded and a strict search made.

Traces of sooty boots were
found on the inside floor of the
Royal larder, black finger-marks
were seen on the white painted
shelf. Clues!

Suspicion at once fell on a
chimney-sweep employed in the
palace, and the detectives, on go-
ing to this man's home, found
him in the act of eating the break-
fast that had been prepared with
such care for the Emperor
Franco Joseph.

The sweep was arrested, as was
the sentry whose duty it was to
stand guard over the Royal
kitchens.

A Prince sans Trousers.

A most amusing Royal comedy
occurred in January of 1911,
when the German Prince Max zu
Furstenberg found himself
obliged to charged carriages at a
German Railway station with no
other costume in which to do than
a coloured night-shirt.

The catastrophe was not
lightened for his Highness by the
embarrassing fact that his exit
from the train was watched with
mischievous interest by several
local worthies as well as the
station staff.

The trouble all arose because
the Prince occupied one sleeping-
car, while his valet (with all his
clothes) retired to another, and
the train having been divided in
the course of the journey, the
Prince waking late in the morn-
ing, found himself at the critical
moment at a distance of several
miles from his most urgent
necessaries. One can imagine how
his un-Serene Highness bolted
along the platform in his scanty
attire, braved the giggles of his
audience, and sought refuge in a
waiting-room until such time as
a fresh relay of clothing could be
obtained.

A King and a "Third Smoker."

Here is another amusing Royal
comedy of the railway. King
Carlos and his brother, during a
recent holiday in Switzerland,
were waiting for a train at the
station of St. Gall. When it ar-
rived they entered a first-class
compartment, but the guard ap-
peared on the scene and informed
them that the compartment was
full, and that they would have to
travel in a third class carriage
until the next station. The King
readily consented to this arrange-
ment. The Royallackey, however,
pounced on the guard and rated
him for having sent the King of
Roumania and his brother into
a "third smoker."

The democratic Swiss guard
was not in the least perturbed.
"If it was the dear Lord Himself,
He would have to travel third if
there was no room anywhere
else," he said.

With this he blew his whistle
and the train started. The King,
it is said, was highly amused at
the incident.

The Archduke's Fourpence.

The Archduke Francis Joseph,
the Austrian heir-presumptive,
was placed in difficulties a few
months ago for lack of fourpence.
Passing the famous church of St.
Stephen, in Vienna, it suddenly
occurred to him that he would like
to climb to the top of the steeple.

On entering, a ticket was given
to him, but when asked for four-
pence, the price of admission, the
Archduke discovered that he had
come out without money, so he
gave his name instead. The arch-
duke's name.

When the waiter opened his
palm he saw, much to his dismay,
a four-heller piece, the smallest
copper coin in Austria-Hungary
and the equivalent of our half-
penny.

The Kaiser and the Skipper.

One day, when the "Hohen-
zollern," the Kaiser's yacht, was
entering a Norwegian port, the
Kaiser, impatient at the ship's
slow progress, himself rang the
engine-room telegraph bell and
ordered increased speed.

To his great astonishment the
pilot, an old Norwegian named
Nordhuns, jumped to the tele-
phone and called to the engineers
to take no notice of the signal,
but to slow down again.

The Emperor, after a glance at
the man who dared to speak
thus in his presence, ordered the
pilot to go and put himself under
arrest. But the old man, with-
out moving a muscle, said: "I
shall not leave this spot. The
ship is under my direction, and
nobody, not even an Emperor, is
going to give me my orders."

The Kaiser, realising that the
pilot had maritime law on his
side, quitted the bridge without
a word.

The next day he decorated the
old sailor and appointed him his
official pilot in Norwegian waters.
—F.I.P.

Secrets of the Duchess of
Sutherland's Life.

The Duchess of Sutherland per-
sented the badges to "Beo"
workers at the twentieth annual
meeting of the Theatrical Ladies'
Guild of Charity held at St.
James' Theatre. The theatre was
filled.

Replying to a vote of thanks,
she mentioned that at a sewing
bee which she attended no one
spoke a word. (Laughter.) She
read all the "shilling shockers"
until tea came round, but no one
spoke, and she generally had to
tell all the secrets of her life be-
fore she could raise a smile.
(Laughter.)

She always wondered how it
was that members of the theatri-
cal profession always had their
perpetual youth and their enthu-
siasm for life. She was sure it
was first of all because they had
a sense of humour, and secondly
their whole object was to give
joy both in their public and their
private life.

A Novel Flower.

A South African liner, now on
its way from Cape Town, is bring-
ing a novel cargo in the shape of
a consignment of chinkarnchoe
lilies, or to give the plant its na-
tive name, "chin-chins" (says the
London correspondent of the
Daily Dispatch).

The peculiarity of this flower is
that it keeps fresh, even when
out, for a couple of months or
more. A member of the lily tribe,
the formation of the flower resem-
bles that of the jonquil.

The bulbs and flowers, which
are due to arrive in London this
week, have been collected in the
district round Table Mountain by
South African members of the
League of Empire, and they were
to be sold in the West End in aid
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COMMERCIAL.

Rubber and Mining Shares.

We have received the following
from Messrs. Davies of Singapore
(January 4.)

Company. Closing Quotations.

Dollar. Buyers. Sellers.

Alor Gajah ... 3.90 4.25
Ayer Kuning ... 0.82 0.90
Ayer Molek ... 2.90 3.15
Ayer Panas ... 0.25 1.00
Balgowrie ... 7.55 8.00
Bukit ... 0.62 0.70
Jelutong ... 0.35 0.50
Bukit Katil ... 0.87 0.95
Bukit K. B. ... 1.07 1.20
Bukit Timah ... 16.00 19.75

Changkat.

Serdang ... 7.25 7.60
Glenealy ...

SHORT SERMON.

"These Little Ones."

Thanks be to him who has so wondrously anticipated all our needs and wants, wherever there are men and women, a little child is "in the midst of them."

And because of this greatest of all earth-facts, our hearts are happier, our lives more full, our work easier and more profitable than could ever be were man's being otherwise ordered.

We think more about little children at this time of year. It is their particular time—at least we say so, though we know in our hearts that the whole year belongs to them; that flowers and fruit, gold hills and fields of spotless snow, belong more to them than to us. For nature belongs to those whose love her most.

When certain of those who were following Jesus asked him who was greatest in the kingdom of heaven, little children were not so loved as now they are. Then they were looked upon more as chattels. Philosophy had not yet found any place for them.

Jesus was the first to speak out clearly and strongly for the child. And he chose as his opportunity for first proclaiming his regard for little children a most important milestone in his ministry. Some of his disciples began to wonder if there would be a high reward for the faithful in the life to come. In a manner truly human, they were wondering what might be their portion, perhaps. So they asked, "Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?"

He called a child, even as his father and ours had called him—a child to lead us to the better life. He beckoned a little one to him and let him in the midst of them.

"Verily I say unto you," he said, "except ye be converted and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven."

"Whosoever, therefore, shall humble himself as this little child, the same is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven."

Of course, they marvelled at these words. It had never occurred to any of them that to be like a little child was to be greatest in the kingdom of heaven.

A new thought was born into the world of men's minds at that moment.

For all time the place of the child was fixed. Here was a leader who saw in the little ones the most important of all human beings. Here was a "system of philosophy" which reckoned with the child as the prime consideration. If Jesus had never done another thing; if he had lived only to emphasize the greatness of the child, his life would have been of more value to humanity than any other ever lived.

And until we, as individuals and as a nation, practice this recognition of the child, practice it by taking the right care of children; by seeing that they are not abused or exploited in the interests of human selfishness, we cannot hope to advance very far in the direction of the kingdom of heaven.

It is our Christian duty to see that all children are protected from all harmful influences, and especially that the children of the poor are not left to suffer at the hands of the thoughtless and the unscrupulous.

At this time of year, when the child is much in our thoughts, we should be thinking out ways in which to give back the divine gift of childhood to all children; ways in which to guarantee to them more air and sunshine, more play time and play space, more of the things they love and need.

So that in time all places on this earth may fulfill the vision of the prophet, who saw as his ideal of human habitation a place where "the streets of the city shall be full of boys and girls playing in the streets thereof."

CORRESPONDENCE.

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NORTH MANCHURIAN PLAGUE PREVENTION SERVICE.

To the Editor of the "Hongkong Telegraph."

Sir,—As there have lately appeared in the newspapers many unfounded rumours regarding outbreaks of plague in Manchuria, causing much alarm among the people residing not only in this country but also among the mercantile community, I should be glad if you could insert this letter in your valuable paper.

The North Manchurian Plague Prevention Service has been established since October 1st last year with headquarters at Harbin. Its primary object is to watch and study the plague situation in Manchuria, where it may be remembered a very serious epidemic of Pneumonic Plague took place in the winter of 1910-11. Two new Isolation Hospitals—at Fuchien (Harbin) and Lohsuang—for isolating the patients and isolating the "contacts" have already been established with fully qualified medical officers in charge. Besides these there have also been built by the Government isolation camps at Mukden, Koupangzu, Yinkow and Shanghaiwan, under the control of medical officers. Other hospitals are in course of construction elsewhere.

It will be the duty of the above Service to notify the world as soon as any cases of plague occur in Manchuria, and the public are cautioned against believing indiscriminately reports of plague, which now and then find their way into the papers, until they have been confirmed by the above Service.

The authorities of the Russian and Japanese Railway in Manchuria are working in full harmony with the above Service.

I am, yours etc.,
Wu Lien Teh, M. D. (Camb).
Director and Chief Medical Officer
Harbin, January 1st, 1913.

BIG FINE PAID.

In the early hours of this morning P. S. Fox, 45, arrested a man in a sampan with 368 tins of opium valued at \$7,000. He was about to take them to the "Empress of India." The man was brought before Mr. C. D. Melbourne, at the Police Court, this morning and fined \$500 or in default six months. The fine was immediately paid. The opium was confiscated to the Crown.

CRISP, NIPPING MORNINGS.

A pot of hot, delicious Coffee downstairs. The inviting Aroma pervades the house. Isn't that an inducement to get up and begin the day? But the Coffee mustn't be a disappointment even one day out of six. It must be consistently good, and that is one of the great characteristics of LOTUS BRAND MOKHA COFFEE.

Obtainable at all Grocers.



H. RUTTONJEE & SON,

39 & 40, QUEEN'S ROAD, CENTRAL.

POST OFFICE.

MAILS ARRIVED TO-DAY.

Shanghai, s.s. Kansu.
Saigon, s.s. Pheumpenh.
Calcutta, s.s. Laisang.
Swatow, s.s. Haimun.
Saigon, s.s. Machew.

MAILS VIA SIBERIA.

London, Dec. 26.
Shanghai, Jan. 11.
Dec. 27.
Jan. 18.

MAILS DUE.

French, Magellan, 16th inst.

The Magellan with the French Mail, is expected to arrive here on Thursday the 16th inst., at daylight.

MAILS CLOSE.

Swatow, Amoy and Foochow via Tamsui—Per Dai-gi-maru, 12th Jan. 9 a.m.

Swatow—Per Haimun, 12th Jan. 9 a.m.

Swatow and Siam—Per Paklat, 12th Jan. 9 a.m.

Burmah—Per Bencleuch, 12th Jan. 9 a.m.

Japan via Yokohama—Per Yunnan, 12th Jan. 9 a.m.

Siam—Per Pongtong, 13th Jan. 10 a.m.

Macao—Per Sui Tai, 13th Jan. 1.15.

Japan via Yokohama—Per Full-tala, 13th Jan. 3 p.m.

Japan via Kobe—Per Tjimihi, 13th Jan. 3 p.m.

Japan via Kobe—Per Fushiki Maru, 13th Jan. 3 p.m.

Straits, Burmah and India via Calcutta—Per Ceylon Maru, 13th Jan. 3 p.m.

Swatow, Amoy and Foochow—Per Haiyang, 13th Jan. 5 p.m.

Haiphong and Pakhoi—Per Triumph, 14th Jan. 8 a.m.

Straits and Burmah—Per Okara, 14th Jan. 10 a.m.

Japan via Kobe—Per Laisang, 14th Jan. 10 a.m.

Straits and Shanghai North China—Per Wosang, 14th Jan. 10 a.m.

Saigon, Straits, Ceylon, Adelaide, Western Australia, India, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles (Letters posted in all the Pillar Boxes in time for the first clearance will be included in this contract mail.) (Late Letters 11.00 a.m. to Noon. Extra Postage 10 cents.) —Per Amazon, 14th Jan. 11 a.m.

Macao—Per Sui Tai, 14th Jan. 1.15.

Philippine Islands—Per Kueichow, 14th Jan. 3 p.m.

Swatow, Amoy and Foochow—Per Kaijo-maru, 15th Jan. 9 a.m.

Macao—Per Sui Tai, 15th Jan. 1.15 p.m.

Philippine Islands—Per Zafiro, 16th Jan. 3 p.m.

Shanghai and North China—Per Chinhuai, 16th Jan. 3 p.m.

Swatow, Amoy and Foochow—Per Haiyang, 16th Jan. 5 p.m.

Shanghai, North China and Japan via Kobe (Europe via Siberia)—Magellan, 16th Jan. 5 p.m.

Straits, Burmah, Ceylon, Adelaide, Western Australia, India, Aden, Egypt, and Europe via Brindisi. (Late Letters 11 a.m. to noon, Extra Postage 10 cents.) (Supplementary mail on board up to the time fixed for departure of the mail (Extra Postage 10 cents) (Letters posted in all the Pillar Boxes in time for the first clearance will be included in this contract mail.) The Parcel Mail will be closed on Friday, the 17th Jan., at 5 p.m.—Per India, 18th Jan., 11 a.m.

Shanghai, North China, Japan via Moji, Victoria and B.O. Seattle—Sado-maru, 17th Jan., 11 a.m.

Philippine Islands—Per Yuen, 18th Jan., 1 p.m.

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SHIPPING NEWS.

ARRIVED.

Lyeemoo, Ger. s.s., 2,000, O. Sari, 10th Jan.—Saigon.

5th Jan. Rice—H. A. L. Rajaburi, Ger. s.s., 1,189, O. Wolff, 10th Jan.—Bangkok and Tourane 7th Jan. Rice and Meal—B. & S.

Machew, Ger. s.s., 995, Zollner, 10th Jan.—Saigon 4th Jan. Rice, etc.—B. & S.

Koonshing, Br. s.s., 1,383, Wright, 10th Jan.—Daly 5th Jan. Beans—J. M. & Co.

Kaijo Maru, Jap. s.s., 1,389, Y. Yamamoto, 11th Jan.—Swatow 10th Jan.—Paper, etc.—O. S. K.

Yunnan, Fr. s.s., 4,313, Pietri, 11th Jan.—Antwerp, Marseilles and Colombo 2nd Nov. Gen.—M. M.

Kansu, Br. s.s., 1,143, Tuebber, 11th Jan.—Shanghai 7th Jan. Gen.—B. & S.

Laisang, Br. s.s., 2,225, J. Tada, 11th Jan.—Calcutta 25th Dec. Gen.—J. M. & Co.

Haimun, Br. s.s., 641, J. W. Evans, 11th Jan.—Swatow 10th Jan. Gen.—L. & Co.

Linan, Br. s.s., 1,352, Williams, 11th Jan.—Canton 10th Jan. Gen.—B. & S.

Pakhoi, Br. s.s., 1,327, Gibbs, 11th Jan.—Swatow 10th Jan. Gen.—B. & S.

On Sang, Br. s.s., 1,800, Carle, 11th Jan.—Canton 10th Jan. Gen.—J. M. & Co.

Pheumph, Br. s.s., Scott, 11th Jan.—Saigon 5th Jan. Gen.—Chinese.

Turbo, Br. s.s., Bramson, 11th Jan.—Singapore 2nd Jan. Bulk oil—A. P. Co.

Ceylon Maru, Jap. s.s., Magachi, 11th Jan.—Kobe and Moji 5th Jan. Gen.—N. Y. K.

Clearances at the Harbour Office.

Jan. 10. Nippon-maru, for San Francisco via Batavia.

Jan. 11. Daiji-maru, for Tamsui, Haimun, for Swatow, Phranang, for Saigon, Paklat, for Swatow, Yunnan, for Yokohama, Pitsanulok, for Singapore, Kutsang, for Calcutta, Onsang, for Chinwantao, Kwangshai, for Shanghai, Loongsang, for Manila, Koonshing, for Canton, Beneuch, for Rangoon, Ariaki-maru, for Milke, Kansu, for Canton, Haitan, for Foochow, Sabine Rickmers, for Canton, Sungkiang, for Haiphong.

DEPARTED.

Jan. 11. Nippon-maru, for San Francisco, Siam, for Canton, Kutsang, for Straits, Loongsang, for Philippine Islands, Tjipanas, for Sourabaya, Ungkiang, for Haiphong, Kwangshai, for Shanghai, Salahadi, for Shanghai, Carl Diederichsen, for Haiphong, Hongbee, for Amoy.

PASSENGERS ARRIVED.

Per s.s. Tenyo Maru, arrived 10th inst., from San Francisco: Ambrose, H. W. Morgan, Mrs. Baylis, Fred L. E. Bardeley, Rev. & Martins, Rev. Mrs. C. C. B. S.

Barlett, Mr. and Mobley, G. P. Mrs. G. W. B. Murphy, M. Britton, R. Marriott, C. E. Pote, Mr. and Ono, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. G. Mrs. E. Pecker, W. H. Ono, Master Barry, W. S. Yeltaro Bookus, C. G. Ono, Master Fordwell, T. G. Yeigiro N. Ono, Master Cooper, Mrs. H. Yeizo G. Prince, A. D. Chow Ting-man, Pratt, Mr. and Chan Yu-shan, Mrs. W. E. Evans, John H. Robinson, Mrs. Edwards, J. E. S. S. Edwards, Mr. & Rose, Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Mrs. H. P. Edwards, Master Richards, Mrs. J. G. R. W. Edwards, Miss Roth, W. P. Marguerite, Rodriguez, C. A. Edwards, Miss Scanton, F. A. Mary E. Scott, Rev. J. M. Freitas, Hon. & O. P. Mrs. J. B. Simington, Mrs. J. Gould, Miss B. Simington, J. A. Grayson, Dr. J. Simington, Miss R. U.S.A. Mary Hewitt, A. J. Simington, Miss Ellis, Mr. and Edith Mrs. Herbert Teau Ju-shun arvey, Miss J. Tong Kue-hung Waldron, F. M. W. Walker, F. G. E. E. Walker, Lieut. Theo. F. Look Jong Lal Bee-kee.

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WEATHER REPORT.

On the 11th at 11.35.—The anticyclone is now central to the north of the Yangtze Valley.

The depression has passed into the Pacific. Pressure has increased moderately over central Japan. It has decreased moderately over N. China but increased slightly over the lower Yangtze Valley and S. China.

Fresh monsoon is indicated along the E coast of China and moderate monsoon over the N. China Sea.

Hongkong Rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.00 inches.

FORECAST FOR THE 24 HOURS ENDING AT NOON TO-MORROW.

District. Forecast. E winds, moderate; fine.

1 Hongkong and Neighbourhood. N.E. winds, strong.

2 Formosa Channel. The same as No. 1.

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China Coast Meteorological Register.

11th January, a.m.

Station. Hour. Barometer. Temperature. Humidity. Wind. Force. Direction.

Wostock 7a 29.97 184 — 0 0

Nemuro 6a 29.83 — n 1

Hakodate 29.95 — nnw 1

Tokio 29.93 — 0

Kochi 30.01 — sw 1

Nagasaki 30.11 — 0

Kshima 30.08 — 0

Oshima 30.06 — n 2

Naha 30.07 — nnw 1

Ishijima 30.07 — ne 2

Bonin Is. — — —

Chafu 30.21 31 80 wsw 3 b

Whaiwei 30.21 31 80 wsw 3 b

Hankow — — —

Ichang — — —

Kiukiang — — —

Changsha — — —